

On this the 25th day of August, A. D., 2015, the Commissioners’
Court of Chambers County, with the following members present, to-wit:

Mark Huddleston	Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Larry G. George	Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Gary Nelson	Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
A. R. “Rusty” Senac	Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
Jimmy Sylvia	County Judge

and the following members absent, to-wit:

Heather H. Hawthorne	County Clerk
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met in a REGULAR MEETING at which time the following items were
discussed, considered, passed or adopted, to-wit:

Judge Sylvia, according to law, opened Court at 9:30 a.m. into Open
Session.

County Engineer Bobby Hall offered prayer and then Judge Sylvia led
the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and to the
Texas flag.

Agenda item 1.1- Citizen’s Comments- none.

Judge Sylvia then went to several agenda items under Administration.

Agenda item 1.2- Monthly Reports- FEMA certificates (Effective Communication and Developing and Managing Volunteers) – Lori Sims; Southeast Texas Regional WebEOC Sentinel Training – Roy Turner; Chambers County Transportation 3rd quarter report.

Insert.

15-08-494 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve the Commissioner Court Minutes of the August 11, 2015, Regular meeting.

Passed.

15-08-495 Motion made by George and seconded by Huddleston to approve the budget amendment and purchase of a 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe for the District Attorney.

Public comment made by Cheryl Lieck, District Attorney.

Insert.

Passed.

15-08-496 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to authorize the District Attorney’s office to donate \$10,000.00 to Anahuac ISD Explorer program.

Public comment made by Cheryl Lieck, District Attorney.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 1.14- Administration- Discuss and consider the 2015 Community Planning Meeting and the 2016 Community Plan.

Public comment made by Eric Carcerano, Community Plan Coordinator for Chambers County.

No action.

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Public comment made by Patti Henry, District Clerk.

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Public comment made by Yolanda Humphrey.

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Wesley Nicols, Parcel 12535 to Nicole Whittington in the amount of \$3,374.00.

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Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia skipped to agenda item 3.1 under Road & Bridge.

15-08-500 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve Trinity Bay Conservation District request to install a 3 inch sewer force main on the south side of Baker Rd. starting 230 feet East of FM 1663.

Insert.

Passed.

Judge Sylvia then went to agenda item 2.6 under Financial.

15-08-501 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve the order authorizing the issuance of \$19,335,00.00 “Chambers County, Texas Pass-Through Toll Revenue and Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2015”; authorizing the sale thereof; and enacting provisions incident and related to the issuance of said bonds.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia returned to agenda item 4.1 under Economic Development & Tourism.

15-08-502 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve going out for bids for sheet piling on the CDBG Round 2.2 Hurricane Ike Recovery for the Trinity Bay Conservation District Salt Water Barriers.

Public comment made by Keith Zotzky with Carroll & Blackman.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Court recessed at 10:07 a.m. out of Open Session into a Public Hearing to discuss agenda item 1.4 and 1.12 under Administration. With there being no public comments court adjourned at 10:08 a.m. out of the Public Hearing back into Regular Session to vote on agenda item 1.5.

15-08-503 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve the Mass Gathering Permit Application for Texas Gatorfest.

Insert.

Passed.

15-08-504 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Senac to approve the Order designating/creating the Lone Star NGL 2015 Reinvestment Zone.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Court recessed at 10:09 a.m. out of Regular Session into a Public Hearing to discuss agenda item 1.11 under Administration- Regarding the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year January 1 through December 31, 2016.

Public comments were made by Aaron Thomas, Bobby Hall, Commissioner Huddleston, and Commissioner Senac.

The public hearing adjourned at 10:14 a.m. and reconvened into Regular Session.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda item 4.2 under Economic Development & Tourism.

15-08-505 Motion made by George and seconded by Senac to approve the bid from Force Corporation for CDBG Round 1 Hurricane Ike Recovery Chambers Liberty County Navigation District Lake Anahuac East Levee project.

Public comment made by Cody Croley with Carroll & Blackman, Inc.

Insert.

Passed.

Judge Sylvia then went to agenda item 3.2 under Road & Bridge.

15-08-506 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to authorizing the County to send out for competitive bids for the construction contract on Segment 1 of the Kilgore Master Drainage Plan B (alternate-4).

Public comment made by Bob Lippke, Lippke Cartwright and Roberts.

Passed.

Court recessed at 10:27 a.m. for a short break and reconvened at 10:41 a.m. Commissioner Senac not present at this time.

At this time, Judge Sylvia skipped to agenda item 9.1 under Safety/Emergency Management.

15-08-507 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to rescind previous motion no. 15-08-468 made on August 11, 2015 to hire a contract fire inspector, and to hire a part-time fire inspector. Timothy Rogers hired at \$25.00/hr. Commissioner Senac not present for the vote.

Public comment made by Nathan Brandimarte.

Insert.

Passed.

Commissioner Senac returned to Court at 10:43 a.m.

Judge Sylvia then moved to agenda item 14.1 under Mosquito Control.

15-08-508 Motion made by Senac and seconded by George to accept bid from Bay Area Fence for an electric gate to prohibit unauthorized personnel from entering Mosquito Control, Maintenance, Parks, and the Sheriff's Department dog kennels. Not to exceed \$10,000.00, to be paid out of Health Services budget.

Public Comment made by Lawrence Lewis.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda items under Parks and Recreation.

Agenda item 5.1- Parks and Recreation- Discuss and consider contracts/quotes for the construction of a small restroom in the Granny Nelson Park in Smith Point, Texas- **tabled.**

Tabled.

15-08-509 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson approve employment of Bob Randall from Randall-Porterfield Architects to prepare plans, specifications and bid packages for the replacement of the Oscar Nelson bird watching tower, not to exceed \$16,000.00, out of Hotel funds.

Insert.

Passed.

Return to agenda item 5.1- Parks and Recreation- Discuss and consider contracts/quotes for the construction of a small restroom in the Granny Nelson Park, Smith Point, Texas- **tabled.**

Agenda item tabled to approve any quotes from sub-contractors over \$5,000.00 and to re-do contract.

Tabled.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda items under Solid Waste.

15-08-510 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve the purchase of (3) 40 cubic yard roll-off containers, not to exceed \$14,000.00.

Public comment made by Jimmy Kahla.

Insert.

Passed.

15-08-511 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to approve authorizing bids for (4) roll-off trucks.

Public comment made by Jimmy Kahla.

Insert.

Passed.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to agenda items under Law Enforcement.

15-08-512 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve bid from Simon Construction for the construction of a sidewalk from the Criminal Justice Center to the dispatch center, pending proof of general liability insurance.

Insert.

Passed.

15-08-513 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Senac to approve the purchase of a new long block motor for a 2007 F-150 Super Crew 4x4 for the Sheriff's Office.

Insert.

Passed.

Judge Sylvia then covered several agenda items under financial.

15-08-514 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve the claim docket beginning with check # 94119 and ending with check # 94427 as presented.

Insert.

Passed.

15-08-515 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to approve travel reimbursements as presented.

Insert.

Passed.

15-08-516 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by Nelson to approve budget amendments as presented.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 2.4- Financial- Treasurer's report- none.

Agenda item 2.5- Financial- Auditor's report- Receive into record Brazos Valley Community Action Agency, Inc. Grant Audit Report and Department Head's response to audit.-**no action.**

Public comment made by Tony Sims, Jessica Laskoskie, and Lyndsey Davis.

Insert.

No action.

Let the record reflect Judge Sylvia left court at 11:52 a.m. and returned to court at 11:55 a.m.

At this time, Judge Sylvia went to several agenda items under Personnel.

15-08-517 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Nelson to approve job descriptions as presented.

Insert.

Passed.

15-08-518 Motion made by Senac and seconded by Huddleston to approve the following payroll changes: Haley Avriett, County Auditor's office, unclassified \$41,614.92; Addison Hemphill, County Clerk's office, part time \$9.00/hr; Jerie Gore, County Clerk's office, pay group 13-4; Heather Lanferman, District Clerk's office, pay group 17-14; John Hale, Solid Waste, pay group 7-1.

Insert.

Passed.

15-08-519 Motion made by Huddleston and seconded by George to approve 22 hours vacation carryover for Vanessa Vallejo.

Insert.

Passed.

Agenda item 17.3- extended medical leave- **none**.

The following visitors, department, agency, or business they represent were present in Court today:

Joanna Wilson	County Clerk's Office
Nikki Whittington	County Treasurer's Office
Tony Sims	County Auditor
Bobby Hall	County Engineer
Scott Peal	County Attorney
Brian Hawthorne	Chambers County Sheriff
Patti Henry	District Clerk
Cheryl Lieck	District Attorney
Nathan Brandimarte	Orgain Bell & Tucker
Jessica Laskoskie	Indigent Health Care
Eric Carcerano	District Attorney's Office
Aaron Thomas	County Judge's Office
Lyndsey Davis	Auditor's Office

Mike Manders	Auditor's Office
Mike Lessley	Chambers Co. Project Manager
Kim Turner	Office of Emergency Management
Mary Clark	Chambers County Tax Office
Annie Vass	Chambers Co. Library System
Valeri Jenson	Chambers Co. Library System
Lawrence Lewis	Mosquito Control
Matt Hollis	Baytown Sun
James Gibson	East Chambers ISD Board Pres.
Carlene Egloff	Citizen
Kyle Egloff	Citizen
Eddie Gray	Gray Enterprises
David Kadjar	Gray Enterprises
Jim Gilley	US Capital Advisors
Ignacio Ramirez	City of Baytown
Cody Croley	Carroll & Blackman
Jacob Rollins	Carroll & Blackman
Keith Zotzky	Carroll & Blackman
Paul Lippke	Lippke, Cartwright & Roberts
Jerry Shadden	Trinity Bay Conservation Dist.

There being no further business, Court adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Heather H. Hawthorne, County Clerk

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