

CHAMBERS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.....JANUARY 4, 2016

The Chambers County Commission met on Monday, January 4, 2016, at 4:00 PM CST with the following members present: Commission Chairman, Joe Blanks, Commissioners, James Brown, Debbie Wood, Charlie Williams, David Eastridge and Henry Osborne. County Engineer Harvill, County Attorney McCoy and County Manager Chambers were also present.

Chairman Blanks called the meeting to order. Commissioner Brown led the pledge of allegiance and Commissioner Eastridge gave the invocation. Linda Anderson, County Clerk, conducted a roll call to establish a quorum. District 1 – Present, District 2 – Present, District 3 – Present, District 4 – Present, District 5 – Present, District 6 – Present; County Attorney McCoy - Present

COMMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

Commissioner Brown expressed his appreciation for the hard work and time the Highway employees put in after the recent storms. Other Commissioners expressed thanks as well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND WARRANTS PAYABLE

Commissioner Williams motioned to adopt the December 21, 2015, minutes and warrants payable and Commissioner Brown seconded it. It was **approved** by the “I” vote, with Commissioner Eastridge abstaining due to his absence at the last meeting.

RESOLVED: “To adopt the December 21, 2015, minutes and approve the warrants payable”

AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Osborne motioned to approve the agenda, as presented, for the January 4, 2016, meeting. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. It was **approved** by the “I” vote.

RESOLVED: “To approve the agenda for the January 4, 2016, meeting”

NEW BUSINESS

COUNTY MANAGER CHAMBERS

County Manager Chambers asked for a resolution amending the FY 2015/2016 Drug Task Force Budget. Chambers stated that the ADECA grant came in at \$10,000.00 less than the previous year, which the current budget is based on. Chambers asked for a resolution to amend the 2015/2016 Drug Task Force budget reflecting revenues of \$50,500.00 and expenditures of \$50,000.00 with an \$8,000.00 decrease in overtime and a \$2,000.00 decrease in travel. Commissioner Wood motioned for the resolution. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. Manager Chambers said that DTF Director, Robert Chambers had approved the line item changes. Commissioner Wood asked why the grant was less and Chambers said that due to budget cuts, we were lucky to receive what we did. Attorney McCoy said he was hurt to see the cut in funding as the Task Force is essential in our war against drugs. The motion was **approved** by the “I” vote.

RESOLVED: “To amend the FY 2015/2016 Drug Task Force budget reflecting revenues of \$50,500.00 and expenditures of \$50,000.00 with an \$8,000.00 decrease in overtime and a \$2,000.00 decrease in travel”

ATTORNEY MCCOY

At this time, Attorney McCoy asked for a resolution amending the agenda to include an item of New Business. Commissioner Williams motioned for the resolution and Commissioner Brown seconded it. It was **approved** by the "I" vote.

RESOLVED: "To amend the agenda to include an item of New Business"

ATTORNEY MCCOY

Attorney McCoy said that due to the amount of rainfall over the past few weeks, the County had experienced disaster in the form of roads, bridges and infrastructure destruction, especially in the Lanett area, where three bridges on main roads, were damaged or lost due to flooding. As a citizen of Lanett, McCoy expressed thanks to the Commission and Highway Department for aiding the City of Lanett during the emergency. Attorney McCoy thanked County employees for giving up their vacation and holiday time to aid the City of Lanett. McCoy also called for all citizens of the county to be patient during this time of repair and rebuilding of damaged areas. Attorney McCoy called for a resolution authorizing the County Engineer and Highway Department to continue to assist the City of Lanett during their time of need, in the form of resources, labor and expertise. Commissioner Wood motioned for the resolution. Commissioner Osborne seconded. It was **approved** by the "I" vote.

RESOLVED: "To authorize the County Engineer and Highway Department to continue to assist the City of Lanett during their time of need, in the form of resources, labor and expertise"

STAFF REPORTSATTORNEY MCCOY

Attorney McCoy gave an update on Commissioner Woods request from last meeting, regarding the issue of depositing of public funds by to different County offices. After meeting with the examiners of public accounts, it was recommended that funds coming into all County offices be receipted and deposited daily when possible. The examiners stated that they do take into consideration funds coming in after normal hours, on holidays, or occasions where the bank may be closed, and recommend that County Offices receipt those funds and place them in the locked night deposit of the bank and then retrieve the bag and make the actual physical deposit as soon as possible on the next business day. They stated that this would not be a breach of their requirements regarding daily deposits. McCoy asked Commissioner Wood if this clarified the issue and she said it did.

ENGINEER HARVILL

Engineer Harvill recognized and express thanks to employees Mike Meadows, John Holderfield, Robert Estes, Daniel Lundy, Sam Copeland, Daniel Williams, and Joel Welch for working over the Christmas Holidays and through the following Sunday, checking roads and keeping the public informed of closings and safety issues.

Engineer Harvill gave the Commission an update on the conditions and closings of county roads and bridges affected by the recent storms and asked that the public to be patient with roadway cleanups, closings and repairs. He said that in some instances, funding for repairs was controlled by FEMA and ALDOT, and that sometime takes a while. He said they were trying to get figures into FEMA as quickly as possible. Commissioner Wood asked Harvill to see if bus routes would be affected and touch base with Dr. Hodge. Commissioner Blanks commended the Highway Department for work on County Road 139.

COUNTY MANAGER CHAMBERS

County Manager Chambers reminded Commissioners of an exit conference with the Department Public Examiners on Wednesday, January 6, 2015, at 10:00 Central Time in the Commission Office Conference Room.

There was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

I have read the minutes and review the warrants payable. I do hereby **APPROVE** the minutes and warrants payable.

Chairman Joe Blanks

Commissioner Charlie Williams

Commissioner Debbie Wood

Commissioner David Eastridge

Commissioner Henry Osborne

Commissioner James Brown
