

Kleberg County Commissioners' Court Minutes



Regular Session On Monday, April 13, 2020 @ 1:30 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 13th day of April, 2020 the Commissioners' Court of Kleberg County, Texas, met in Regular Session in the Courthouse Annex, of the Law Enforcement Center, 1500 E. King, Kingsville, Texas with the following present:

Kleberg County Commissioners Court:

Hon. Rudy Madrid, Co. Judge
David Rosse, Commissioner Pct. #1
Chuck Schultz, Commissioner Pct. #2
Roy Cantu, Commissioner Pct. #3
Zaragoza "Shorty" Salinas, Commissioner Pct. #4
Stephanie G. Garza, County Clerk

Also present were:

Melissa S. Green, Co. Auditor
Prissy A. Cantu, Co. Treasurer
DeAnna L. Esquivel, Deputy Clerk

COURT WAS OPENED and called to order by Commissioner Rosse to consider the following agenda items, Commissioner Salinas gave the invocation and Commissioner Schultz led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States and Texas.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

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AGENDA ITEM #1

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approving Payment Of Bills

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Cantu and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approving to pay the bills as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

Bills

Oliver Packaging & Equipment -- \$5,562.56
Labatt Food Service -- \$3,800.69
Juan's Wrecker Truck & Trailer -- \$664.96
Al Higginbotham -- \$2,750.31
USFAT LLC -- \$350.00
USFAT LLC -- \$601.90
Ramos Refrigeration & AC -- \$471.00
A&W Office Supply Inc. -- \$312.69
Dawson Communication -- \$393.75
Quill Corp. -- \$1,761.99
Economy Printing LLC -- \$2,676.72
ULINE -- \$1,049.75
Quill Corp. -- \$860.31
Hill Country Dairies -- \$377.65
Sames Kingsville Nissan Inc. -- \$847.32

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AGENDA ITEM #2

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Budget Line Item Transfers

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Cantu to approve the budget line item transfers as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

Budget Line Item Transfers

COVID-19

010-632-332 to 010-632-102 -- \$530.04
010-632-332 to 010-632-103 -- \$6,010.43
010-632-332 to 010-632-104 -- \$36,181.04
010-632-332 to 010-632-105 -- \$4,144.28
010-632-332 to 010-632-106 -- \$1,799.70
010-632-332 to 010-632-107 -- \$462.38
010-632-332 to 010-632-108 -- \$816.86
010-632-332 to 010-632-109 -- \$1,968.00
010-632-332 to 010-632-111 -- \$292.11
010-632-332 to 010-632-115 -- \$1,389.93
010-632-332 to 010-632-120 -- \$4,568.65
010-632-332 to 010-632-121 -- \$778.71
010-632-332 to 010-632-123 -- \$1,398.51
010-632-332 to 010-632-123 -- \$444.15
010-632-332 to 010-632-124 -- \$1,209.38
010-632-332 to 010-632-136 -- \$1,383.38
010-632-332 to 010-632-138 -- \$163.28
010-632-332 to 010-632-139 -- \$4,724.33
010-632-332 to 010-632-140 -- \$2,001.84
010-632-332 to 010-632-145 -- \$114.79
010-632-332 to 010-632-146 -- \$470.05
010-632-332 to 010-632-150 -- \$8,343.50
010-632-332 to 010-632-151 -- \$45.26
010-632-332 to 010-632-152 -- \$158.87
010-632-332 to 010-632-153 -- \$69.47
010-632-332 to 010-632-155 -- \$1,373.51
010-632-332 to 010-632-162 -- \$390.00
010-632-332 to 010-632-170 -- \$915.00
010-632-332 to 010-632-172 -- \$1,111.20
010-632-332 to 010-632-174 -- \$384.29
010-632-332 to 010-632-180 -- \$1,484.63
010-632-332 to 010-632-181 -- \$1,594.71
010-632-332 to 010-632-182 -- \$4,869.48
010-632-332 to 010-632-183 -- \$466.04
010-632-332 to 010-632-185 -- \$1,789.06
010-632-332 to 010-632-186 -- \$725.63
010-632-332 to 010-632-201 -- \$6,922.96
010-632-332 to 010-632-203 -- \$8,002.73
010-632-332 to 010-632-204 -- \$3.23
010-632-332 to 010-632-206 -- \$2.47
010-632-332 to 010-632-497 -- \$3,587.12
010-632-332 to 010-632-499 -- \$9,568.16

Juvenile Probation Dept.

017-570-490 to 017-570-491 -- \$6,200.00

SeaWind

010-661-397 to 010-661-350 -- \$1,000.00

Non-Dept

010-409-493 to 010-409-204 -- \$10,581.65
010-409-489 to 010-409-411 -- \$200.00
010-409-489 to 010-409-420 -- \$946.84
010-409-489 to 010-409-435 -- \$128.37

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AGENDA ITEM #3

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approving Budget Amendments

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Cantu to approve the budget amendments as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

Budget Amendments

COVID-19

010-632-333 -- \$8,343.50
010-632-439 -- \$35,800.00

Sheriff

010-560-573 -- \$21,990.00

Federal Drug Fund
111-360-111 -- \$39.08

Towing & Storage
035-512-497 -- \$695.00
035-512-318 -- \$5.00
035-360-035 -- \$0.09

Chapter 59 Forfeitures
034-512-497 -- \$33,539.21
034-352-300 -- \$12,315.43
034-360-034 -- \$4.57

Exxon Bldg.
118-409-669 -- \$1,650.00

Interest & Sinking
060-620-125 -- \$400.00

General Fund-Revenues
010-318-200 -- \$1,591.55
010-319-000 -- \$22,901.94
010-333-551 -- \$668.78
010-333-552 -- \$685.36
010-333-560 -- \$4,518.81
010-340-981 -- \$2,774.50
010-340-993 -- \$200.00
010-341-400 -- \$5.00
010-345-630 -- \$2,995.00
010-349-997 -- \$61,366.48
010-350-650 -- \$807.55
010-361-500 -- \$12,523.03
010-361-660 -- \$787.15
010-367-104 -- \$25,500.00
010-370-516 -- \$3,465.25

Kleberg Juvenile & Community Supervision-Revenues
012-360-012 -- \$0.01

Indigent Care-Revenues
015-360-015 -- \$12.41

Title IV-E Expense-Revenues
021-360-021 -- \$0.86

District Clerk Records Management & Preservation-Revenues
029-360-029 -- \$61.76

Courthouse Security-Revenues
031-340-903 -- \$1,268.00
031-340-904 -- \$51.00
031-340-982 -- \$1,249.00
031-360-031 -- \$1.78

JP's Tech-Revenues
032-340-453 -- \$1,272.00
032-360-032 -- \$305.38

Constable #2 Forfeitures-Revenues
033-360-033 -- \$0.21

Constable #4 9/1-8/31-Revenues
044-360-044 -- \$427.27

US Marshall-Constable #4-Revenues
045-361-045 -- \$6.86

CA's Asset Forfeitures-Revenues
046-360-046 -- \$16.05

CJD 9/1-8/31 Grants-Revenues
054-360-054 -- \$0.37

Abandoned Vehicles-Revenues
055-360-055 -- \$0.13

1993 Interest & Sinking-Revenues
060-310-110 -- \$8,151.58
060-310-120 -- \$32.37
060-360-060 -- \$1,811.46

Airport Ramp Grant
 072-360-072 -- \$15.93

1993 Construction-Revenues
 074-360-074 -- \$1.50

Bond 2009 series-Revenues
 075-360-075 -- \$1.20

GLO Grants-Revenues
 077-360-077 -- \$0.13

GOMESA-Revenues
 079-330-664 -- \$769,267.18
 079-360-079 -- \$18.89

Emergency & Insurance RSRV-Revenues
 088-360-088 -- \$1.80
 088-360-188 -- \$114.37

Park Donations-Revenues
 090-361-090 -- \$38.41

Storage & Contraband-Revenue
 101-360-560 -- \$0.65

Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax-Revenues
 102-360-115 -- \$260.11

Courthouse Restoration-Revenues
 110-360-110 -- \$52.18

CPS Exxon-Revenues
 118-360-575 -- \$839.07
 118-361-409 -- \$13.40
 118-380-101 -- \$450.00

Kleberg 2014 CTIF Grant-Revenues
 125-360-125 -- \$1.00

Texas A&M University-Revenues
 128-360-128 -- \$0.54

Home Grant-Revenue
 132-333-132 -- \$28,448.31

KSO Chapter 59 Fees-Revenues
 134-360-512 -- \$33.23

Const. #1 Impound-Revenues
 141-360-141 -- \$0.03

DPS Seizures-Revenues
 142-360-580 -- \$443.88

Constable #3 Asset Forfeitures-Revenue
 143-360-143 -- \$26.93

Targeted Specific Grant-Revenue
 148-360-148 -- \$0.23

Energy Project-Revenue
 210-360-210 -- \$19.05

FY 2020 Rifle Resistant Body Armor Grant
 250-561-398 -- \$5,699.96

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AGENDA ITEM #4

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Change Of Status For Employees

The above matter coming on for consideration, **no change of status for employees submitted.**

AGENDA ITEM #5

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Monthly Reports

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to adopt the Order receiving the monthly reports as presented and file them for public record. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

Monthly Reports

Auditor's Report – February 2020
Auditor's Report – March 2020
County Clerk Special & Court Fees – February 2020
JP Pct. 2 – February 2020
Constable Pct. 4 – February 2020
Kleberg Co. Airport – March 2020
SeaWind RV Resort – March 2020

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AGENDA ITEM #6

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approving Minutes From Previous Meetings

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Cantu accepting and approving minutes from previous meetings. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

Minutes

Regular Session – February 14, 2020
Special Joint Session – February 18, 2020 (5:00 P.M.)
Regular Session – February 24, 2020
Regular Session – March 9, 2020
Emergency Session – March 16, 2020
Special Session – March 17, 2020 (3:00 P.M.)
Emergency Meeting – March 17, 2020 (4:00 P.M.)
Emergency Session – March 18, 2020 (7:00 P.M.)
Regular Session – March 23, 2020
Public Hearing – March 23, 2020 (5:30 P.M.)
Press Release – March 26, 2020 (11:00 A.M.)

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AGENDA ITEM #7

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Lifting Burn Ban

The above matter coming on for consideration, **no action taken.**

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AGENDA ITEM #8

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Acceptance Of Proposals For Redistricting Services

The above matter coming on for consideration, Commissioner Rosse opened the following proposals received for Redistricting Services –

Ross Hunt & Blake Reynolds, Murphy Nasica Associates
Allison, Bass & McGee L.L.P.
Rolando L. Rios & Associates PLLC

A motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Schultz to table the acceptance of proposals for redistricting services and authorize Judge Madrid to appoint Commissioner Cantu and Commissioner Schultz to review and score proposals. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #9

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Adopting 2020 Soil And Water Stewardship Week Proclamation

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Schultz authorizing the Judge to sign and adopting the 2020 Soil and Water Stewardship Week Proclamation. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #10

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Proclamation For Public Safety Telecommunications Week

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Cantu and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approving Proclamation for Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered. Commissioner Cantu read the Proclamation to the court.

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AGENDA ITEM #11

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Trading 2 – Polaris All-Terrain Vehicles (VIN 4XAMH50AXAB045062, 4XAMH50AXAB046710) For 1 – 2020 Polaris Sportsman All-Terrain Vehicle With The Difference To Be Paid By The Kleberg County Sheriff's Office Federal Asset Forfeitures

The above matter coming on for consideration, Sheriff Kirkpatrick addressed Commissioners' Court saying it would cost too much to fix the 2 Polaris All-Terrain Vehicles they currently have. He went on to say they need to surplus them first then they can be traded in. A motion was made by Judge Madrid and seconded by Commissioner Cantu approving to surplus then trade in 2 – Polaris All-Terrain Vehicles (VIN 4XAMH50AXAB045062, 4XAMH50AXAB046710) for 1 – 2020 Polaris Sportsman All-Terrain Vehicle with the difference to be paid by the Kleberg County Sheriff's Office Federal Asset Forfeitures. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #12

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Authorization To Issue Request For Proposals (RFP) For Administrative Services And Request For Qualifications (RFQ) For Engineering Services Related To The Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Grant Programs Administrated By The Texas General Land Office (GLO)

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Cantu and seconded by Commissioner Salinas authorizing to issue request for proposals (RFP) for Administrative Services and request for qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services related to The Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Grant Programs administered by The Texas General Land Office (GLO). Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #13

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Resolution Authorizing The County To Enter Into An Agreement With TxDOT To Contribute Right Of Way Funds, \$116,380.58 To Be Paid Over Five Annual Installments, For Improvements Of Us Hwy 77

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Cantu and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approving Resolution authorizing the County to enter into an agreement with TxDOT to contribute right of way funds, \$116,380.58 to be paid over five annual installments, for improvements of US Hwy 77. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #14

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Having A New Employee Onboarding Day

The above matter coming on for consideration, Veronica Hare, Insurance Coordinator addressed Commissioners' Court saying this would be a complete overview for new employees. The session would cover everything on open enrollment – Employee Policy, Insurance, Sexual Harassment, Diabetes Class, Entrust, Colonial Insurance, everything about Kleberg County. She ended by saying she would like to have the class the 3rd Wednesday of every month. A motion was made by Commissioner Cantu and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving to allow Veronica Hare to put together a New Employee Onboarding Day. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #15

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On The Purchase Of 35 Poll Pads (Apple iPad), Transport Cases, Poll Pad Stands And Stylus, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$24,000.00 With The Money To Come From Reserve

The above matter coming on for consideration, Stephanie G. Garza, Kleberg County Clerk addressed Commissioners' Court saying the poll pads are no longer compatible and she has spoken with Brian Birdwell (Birdwell Computer Services) and he can get the poll pads for less expensive than purchasing them through Know Ink. A motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Cantu approving the purchase of 35 Poll Pads (Apple iPad), transport cases, poll pad stand and stylus, in an amount not to exceed \$24,000.00 with the money to come from the Reserve. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #16

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On The Removal Of 18 Non-Compatible Poll Pads From The County Clerk's Office Inventory. As Of September 2019, Apple Announced It Will No Longer Support Future Versions Of IOS On The iPad Air 1. (County Serial No's. Are Listed As: 201458, 201459, 201462, 201463, 201450, 201465, 201453, 201460, 201461, 201464, 201451, 201455, 201452, 201457, 201454, 201466, 201456, And 201467)

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving to remove 18 non-compatible poll pads from the County Clerk's Office inventory. As of September 2019, Apple announced it will no longer support future versions of IOS on the iPad Air 1. (County Serial No's. are listed as: 201458, 201459, 201462, 201463, 201450, 201465, 201453, 201460, 201461, 201464, 201451, 201455, 201452, 201457, 201454, 201466, 201456, and 201467). Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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*****AGENDA ITEMS 17 & 18 WERE DISCUSSED AND VOTED ON AS ONE*****

AGENDA ITEM #17

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Authorizing The County Judge, Or His Designee, To Approve Change Order No. 1 In The Amount Of \$11,500.00 Related To Installing 92 Treated Timber Piles For Dock Improvements In Lieu Of Repairing Existing Timber Piles

AGENDA ITEM #18

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Transferring \$11,500.00 From The Kleberg County's Gulf Of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) Funds Into The Kaufer-Hubert Memorial Park Boat Ramp Improvement Project

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Cantu and seconded by Commissioner Schultz to allow County Judge to go out for legal opinion if \$11,500.00 can be used from GOMESA funds for 92 treated timber piles for dock improvements in lieu of repairing existing timber piles if not money to come from the reserve. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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• Conduct Any Other Business Necessary For The Proper Functioning Of County Business

Judge Madrid –

COVID-19 Update: President Trump spoke saying to listen and follow directions of state and local authorities.

Governor Gregg Abbott: Extending Declaration of Disaster for 30 more days. Applies to all counties through May 13, 2020.

Stay At Home Order will be updated and extend to April 30, 2020

Claims will be filed to get reimbursement for expenses pertaining to COVID-19

Commissioner Rosse –

Has the 10-person rule been done away with?

People have rented areas for graduation, parties etc... and they want to know if they can have their get togethers

Judge Madrid –

As of right now the 10-person rule still stands

Get togethers (graduation, parties, etc..) for April and May are a NO

Bringing staff back to work

Protective glass has been ordered for the County Clerk's Office and the Tax / Motor Vehicle Office. Will be up by the end of the week.

Census: 2020 Census can be done on line. Very easy, you can even text the information. Census jobs will still be available after COVID-19.

Basement: Officially done. Very nicely remodeled. Getting ready to move everyone back to their areas. Emergency lights are still needed.

Welcome: Terry Fitzwater, Editor and Publisher for the Kingsville Record. Very glad you're here. Communication with the public is very important. The paper is our best friend.

Terry Fitzwater: Glad to be here. I've been in the Newspaper business since 1984. I have an open-door policy and I am here to support and help the community grow.

***Commissioner Schultz left ***

Commissioner Rosse –

Change of speed limit for Sage Road did not make it on the agenda.
Needs to be on the April 20th meeting.

There is no opposition, should be fine but let's ask the County Attorney to make sure.

Concerns from people about Elected Officials staying home and setting the example. We have to set the example.

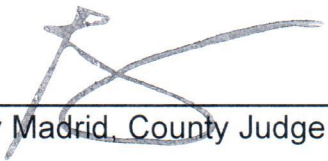
Melissa S. Green, County Auditor –

Addressed the court saying more money is needed to cover payroll
\$125,000.00 is a good start.


A motion was made by Judge Madrid and seconded by Commissioner Rosse approving to move \$125,000.00 from reserve to COVID-19. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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With No Further Business At Hand To Be Considered By The Court At This Time, Adjournment Was Had.



Rudy Madrid, County Judge

ATTEST:


Stephanie G. Garza
County Clerk and Ex-Officio Member
Of the Commissioners Court
Kleberg County, Texas

