

Kleberg County Commissioners' Court Minutes



Special Session On Monday, April 6, 2020 @ 1:30 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 6th day of April, 2020 the Commissioners' Court of Kleberg County, Texas, met in Special 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
Zaragosa Salinas Jr., 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 Judge Madrid to consider the following agenda items, Commissioner Salinas gave the invocation and Commissioner Schultz lead the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States and Texas.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Marisa Yvette Utley-Trevino, Lone Star Strategy Group LLC – 612 CR 465 Alice, Texas 78332. Husband and partner Pete Trevino Jr. We are here to introduce ourselves and to help neighboring counties find resources to help them during the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently we are helping Duval County with resources and we are ready and willing to help everyone.

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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, Commissioner Cantu questioned the bills for Attorney Roxann Pais Cotroneo for consulting and working with the County Attorney and the legality of writing the County Attorney's opinion. He also questioned what Santos McBain has to do with the EMS Contract. Commissioner Rosse stated he has concerns over paying for services our County Attorney should be providing. He went on to say a lot of money is being spent and no money is coming in. Judge Madrid said County Attorney advised him she has money to cover attorney bills but he is wanting bills to come out of COVID-19 so the county can get reimbursed. A motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving to pay the bills as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

Bills

- Birdwell Computer Services -- \$190.00
- Birdwell Computer Services -- \$686.24
- Birdwell Computer Services -- \$2,950.00
- Birdwell Computer Services -- \$190.00
- Birdwell Computer Services -- \$1,441.34
- Birdwell Computer Services -- \$190.00
- Birdwell Computer Services -- \$308.75
- Birdwell Computer Services -- \$853.99
- Birdwell Computer Services -- \$3,780.00
- Birdwell Computer Services -- \$909.00

Birdwell Computer Services -- \$1,140.08
 Birdwell Computer Services -- \$356.25
 Birdwell Computer Services -- \$142.50
 Birdwell Computer Services -- \$380.00
 Santos McBain -- \$13,250.00
 Santos McBain -- \$3,000.00
 Roxann Pais Cotroneo -- \$810.00
 Roxann Pais Cotroneo -- \$4,575.00
 Allison Trans Tech LLC -- \$1,498.32
 TacticalGear.Com -- \$420.00
 East Texas Supply -- \$1,846.38
 Gateway Printing & Office supply -- \$528.50
 Birdwell Computer Services -- \$1,149.98
 Matera Paper Co. -- \$842.01
 US FoodService Inc. -- \$1,482.96
 Holt Cat -- \$726.75
 Matera Paper Co. -- \$1,907.08
 Ritas Super Store -- \$318.57
 Birdwell Computer Services -- \$455.67
 Matera Paper Co. -- \$899.70
 Frances Garcia -- \$434.07
 US FoodService Inc. -- \$1,839.07
 Birdwell Computer Services -- \$4,837.93
 Birdwell Computer Services -- \$10,779.92
 Office Depot. -- \$352.91
 Ferguson US Holdings Inc. -- \$469.12
 US FoodService Inc. -- \$1,663.93
 Goldstar Products Inc. -- \$1,043.35
 USFAT LLC -- \$300.95
 Quill corp. -- \$801.22
 Birdwell Computer Services -- \$2,281.94
 D&C Fence Co. -- \$485.00
 S&C Parts Co. -- \$1,032.18
 NAPA Auto Parts -- \$559.46
 South Point Security Inc. -- \$2,777.00
 Core & Main LP -- \$2,320.00
 Tejas School & Office Supply -- \$1,145.62
 USFAT LLC -- \$350.00
 USFAT LLC -- \$481.25
 Matera Paper Co. -- \$1,575.98
 US FoodService Inc. -- \$1,686.00
 Sirchie Finger Print Lab -- \$392.71
 Chemtex -- \$365.00
 Christus Spohn Health System -- \$1,479.01
 Matera Paper Co. -- \$571.73
 Labatt Food Service -- \$5,829.65
 Macareno Sign & Graphics -- \$4,800.00
 ATCO International -- \$1,187.57
 F&D Floor Covering -- \$379.30
 Labatt Food Service -- \$4,326.63

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AGENDA ITEM #2

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

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

Budget Line Item Transfers

Juvenile Probation Dept.
 017-570-490 to 017-570-492 -- \$3,000.00

County Judge
 010-400-408 to 010-400-498 -- \$700.00

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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 Cantu and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approving budget amendments as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

Budget Amendments

Kleberg 2014 CTIF Grant-Revenues
125-360-125 -- \$4.38

Human Services
059-330-502 -- \$5,071.00
059-330-535 -- \$5,673.00

General Fund Revenues
010-360-010 -- \$9.36
010-370-600 -- \$200,000.00

Kleberg Co. CFC 7214015-Revenues
175-390-010 -- \$25,000.00

Exxon Bldg.
118-575-332 -- \$500.00
118-575-350 -- \$1,500.00
118-575-397 -- \$600.00
118-575-450 -- \$800.00
118-575-497 -- \$2,000.00

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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, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Cantu approving status changes for the following employees:

Kerry Bazan	Detention Officer	Sheriff Office	Longevity
Elizabeth Figueroa	Court Secretary	CCAL	Longevity

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #5

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Temporarily Lifting Burn Ban

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving to temporarily lift the Burn Ban until Sunday, April 12, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #6

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Postponing Employment Law And Harassment Training Scheduled For April 14-15, 2020

The above matter coming on for consideration, Frances Garcia addressed Commissioners' Court saying TAC (Texas Association of Counties) is not doing any traveling at this time due to COVID-19. A motion was made by Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Cantu approving to postpone Employment Law and Harassment Training scheduled for April 14-15, 2020. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #7

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval For Adding Full Coverage On A 2020 Dargel HDX-(VIN DBWA4041B020); Suzuki DF250SSTL2 (VIN 25004F-040521) And Trailer (VIN 555C1BV22LS000830)

The above matter coming on for consideration, Commissioner Rosse inquired who pays the insurance. Sheriff Kirkpatrick addressed Commissioners' Court saying the Sheriff's Office does. A motion was made by Commissioner Cantu and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approving to add full coverage on a 2020 Dargel HDX-(VIN DBWA4041B020); Suzuki DF250SSTL2 (VIN 25004F-040521) and trailer (VIN 555C1BV22LS000830). Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #8

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Engagement For Professional Legal Services – Special Legal Counsel Services For Government Affairs For Kleberg County Commissioners' Court With Pais Cotroneo Law

The above matter coming on for consideration, Judge Madrid advised the court the County Attorney is willing to use her Warrant Officer money to pay for this but the county will be paying for it out of COVID-19 to receive reimbursement. Commissioner Cantu said he wishes to have an Executive Session to discuss this further. He said he does not see an end date for these services and asked what the County Attorney does? A motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving engagement for Professional Legal Services – Special legal Counsel Services for Government Affairs for Kleberg County Commissioners' Court with Pais Cotroneo Law. Upon vote, Judge Madrid and Commissioners' Schultz and Salinas voted aye and Commissioners' Rosse and Cantu voted nay. The motion carried and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #9

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval To Use The Pete De La Garza Building To Temporarily House The Kleberg County Regional EOC's Satellite EDC Office

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving to use the Pete De La Garza Building to temporarily house the Kleberg County Regional EOC's Satellite EDC Office. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #10

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Appointment Of Carlos Ramirez As Volunteer Director For Kleberg County Regional EOC's Satellite EDC Office

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Cantu approving the appointment of Carlos Ramirez as Volunteer Director for Kleberg County Regional EOC's Satellite EDC Office. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #11

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Amending Original Community Facilities Application Submitted To The U.S. Department Of Agriculture To Include Relocation Of The Animal Shelter And Health Department

The above matter coming on for consideration, Judge Madrid addressed the court saying the City is canceling the Interlocal Agreement and is asking us to vacate within 180 days. King Ranch did Deed property to the City for City Health Department. We were

going to give the city and county a new facility but now that they are asking the county to vacate the county will be building their own animal shelter in Riviera. Commissioner Rosse said he would like something in writing from TCEQ and asked if we have done research on fees for service. Commissioner Rosse also expressed concern for residents who will be paying double for two Health Departments. Judge Madrid advised the Commissioners if any of them want to put a plan together for this he will discuss it with them. He went on to say he has worked on this for a month and no one other than Commissioner Schultz has helped. The Judge ended by saying if the County pays the City for fees of service the City will have full control of Human Health Department. Commissioner Schultz said an animal shelter in Riviera will be for Ricardo, Riviera, and Kenedy County. A motion was made by Commissioner Cantu and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approving to amend the original Community Facilities Application submitted to the U.S. Department of Agriculture to include relocation of the Animal Shelter and Health Department. Upon vote, Judge Madrid and Commissioners' Schultz, Cantu and Salinas voted aye and Commissioner Rosse voted nay. The motion carried and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #12

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On COVID-19 Updates And Take Action As Needed

The above matter coming on for consideration, Judge Madrid gave the following update:

Kleberg County remains at 2 positive cases

The 3rd person who was reported to have COVID-19 is a student who resided in Austin and has not returned to Kingsville

COVID-19 cases are travel related. Either the person traveled or had someone visit them from out of the area

I speak with Dr. Prot 2 times a day

Waiting on new report for today

Testing site will be here for another 30 days

Stay at Home Order is still in effect and will extend through April 30th

Asking for boat ramp and piers to be utilized for Kleberg and Kenedy County residents only

Sheriff to reach out to Game Wardens regarding this and put some signs up

Section 3 of the City Order states – **1 member per family in essential businesses effective till 11:59 p.m. on April 20, 2020**

We need to stand together with the City

Practice the 10/6 rule (no more than 10 people 6 feet apart)

No action taken.

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AGENDA ITEM #13

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Extending Stay At Home Order Until April 20, 2020

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Cantu approving to extend Stay At Home Order until April 20, 2020. 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 –

Courthouse is closed to the public

Staff members were ordered to remain home until April 8th

All employees return to work on April 9th

Time ½ ends on April 9th

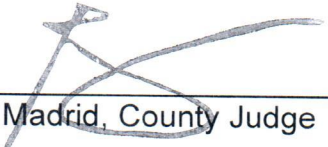
If any employee does not feel safe coming to work, they can stay home at their own expense. They must claim their time (vacation, sick or comp)

If an employee wants to stay home with No Pay that's fine and there will be no penalty

Parents with kids may take time off with no penalties, your job will still be here

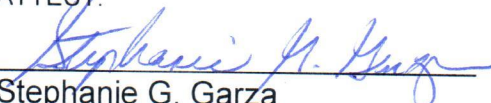
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With No Further Business At Hand To Be Considered By The Court At This Time, Adjournment Was Had.



Rudy Madrid, County Judge

ATTEST:



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

