

**Kleberg County Commissioners' Court Minutes**



**Public Hearing On Monday, June 29, 2020 @ 5:30 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020 the Commissioners' Court of Kleberg County, Texas, met in Public Hearing in the Courthouse Annex, of the Law Enforcement Center, 1500 E. King, Kingsville, Texas with the following present:

**Kleberg County Commissioners Court:**

**Also present were:**

Hon. Rudy Madrid, Co. Judge  
David Rosse, Commissioner Pct. #1  
Chuck Schultz, Commissioner Pct. #2  
Roy Cantu, Commissioner Pct. #3 (Not Present)  
Zaragosa Salinas Jr., Commissioner Pct. #4 (Not Present)  
Stephanie G. Garza, County Clerk (Not Present)

DeAnna L. Esquivel, Deputy Clerk

COURT WAS OPENED and called to order by Judge Madrid to consider the following agenda items.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

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**Discuss And Act On The Following Items:**

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**1. Convene Public Hearing Regarding Kleberg County Intent To File An Application With U.S. Department Of Agriculture (USDA) Community Facilities Direct Loan And Grant Program**

**A. OPEN HEARING**

**B. COMMISSIONER'S COURT MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

**Judge Madrid –**

I have been working on this but there had been some setbacks  
Was waiting on the City, they decided not to take part  
Ready to move forward with enhancements to the airport  
This is a low interest loan not to exceed \$2 million  
Will open doors for future opportunities

**Commissioner Schultz –**

Remodeling of existing airport terminal / facilities  
Fulcrum proposed a cost of \$500,000.00  
Feels remodeling should be less than proposed cost  
Existing airport hanger needs roofing done  
Estimated roofing cost from Fulcrum is \$400,000.00  
Cost seems a bit high

New Airport Hanger

Would like to have a corporate hanger – \$350.00 a night rental fee

\$180.00 monthly fee for smaller planes

Proposed cost from Fulcrum is \$950,000.00

Airport runway needs re-surfacing

Cost should be \$60,000.00

Projected cost from Fulcrum \$500,000.00

**Judge Madrid –**

Should of done better research

Need to meet with Fulcrum, not agreeing with the estimated project cost

Cost should be less since the Animal Shelter is no longer part of this project

Commissioner Schultz and I will sit down and discuss this further

EDC felt the airport was a goldmine

We need to put some money into it in order for it produce revenue

\$46,000.00 monthly payment on a \$2 million loan

Will be asking the City for \$20,000.00

Don't mind doing these projects when they pay for themselves

**Commissioner Rosse –**

This is a low interest loan not a grant?

**Judge Madrid –**

Yes, low interest loan

It will also open the doors for other funding

This will qualify us for a \$1 million grant we were previously denied

**Commissioner Schultz –**

I want this to be done right

**Judge Madrid –**

We have to stay within budget

**Commissioner Rosse –**

A list of all the grants, grant numbers, grant amount, match and term would be helpful so we can follow better

**Judge Madrid –**

Good idea!

I'll do a spread sheet

Would like to keep \$400,000.00 floating around as liquid assets

Now is the time to get ahead

Other counties are crumbling

We need to Focus on the future

Continue moving forward

**C. Public Comments**

None



D. **ANNOUNCEMENT:** Kleberg County Commissioners' Court Will Consider All Public Comments And Vote On The Proposed Intent To File An Application With U.S. Department Of Agriculture (USDA) Community Facilities Direct Loan And Grant Program At The Net Regular Meeting, On July 13, 2020 At 1:30 P.M. At The Courthouse Annex, Law Enforcement Center, 1500 E. King, Kingsville, Texas.

E. **Close Hearing – 6:30 P.M.**

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

**Judge Madrid –**

EDC (Economic Development Corporation) wants to increase water bill \$5.00 to give Manny Salazar, Director  
We need to question what he (Manny Salazar) has done for the county?  
We have done everything  
Where has the EDC gone?  
What new businesses have they brought in?  
What improvements have they made?  
Am not in agreement with the EDC taking over the Chamber of Commerce and having to pay \$10,000.00 to be a member

**Commissioner Rosse –**

It's reasonable to ask him (Manny Salazar) for full accounting to answer our questions and concerns

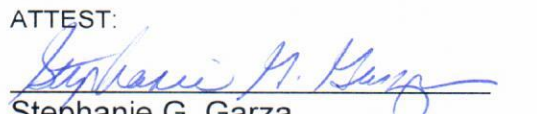
**Judge Madrid –**

I want us to have a board member or two on the EDC because we don't have a vote right now

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**WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS AT HAND TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE COURT AT THIS TIME, ADJOURNMENT WAS HAD.**

  
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Rudy Madrid, County Judge

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

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