

Kleberg County Commissioners' Court Minutes



Special Session On Monday, June 29, 2020 @ 1:30 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 29th day of June, 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 (Not Present)
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 Rosse 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:

Judge Madrid addressed the public regarding feedback from social media saying to satisfy everyone he will be wearing his mask through the whole meeting. He went on to say the reason he had been taking it off was because of comments that he sounded muffled and could not be understood. He asked the public to please comment if there was a problem hearing or understanding him.

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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 Rosse questioned the bill for Neessen CDJR (\$3,706.58) from the Sheriff's Office for repairs on 3 Polaris Vehicles. Why repair when new ones were bought? Sheriff Kirkpatrick addressed the court saying the bill is for 3 older Polaris Vehicles he intends to keep and needed servicing. Commissioner Cantu questioned the numerous inmate medical bills from the jail inquiring if something can be done? Chief Garza said some of the bills are for inmates awaiting transfer to TDC (Texas Department of Corrections). 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

Neessen CDJR -- \$3,706.58
Macareno Sign & Graphics -- \$2,416.00
ACME Radiator & Muffler -- \$1,020.00
Labatt Food Service -- \$3,748.44
All Brands Sales Service -- \$365.28
Bob Barker Co. Inc. -- \$712.58
ATCO International -- \$1,190.00
Platinum Chemicals Inc. -- \$1,754.00
Mendoza's Pharmacy LLC -- \$2,558.46
Federal Eastern International -- \$567.00
US FoodService Inc. -- \$2,044.51

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 Quill Corp. -- \$324.08
 US FoodService Inc. -- \$1,546.96
 Texas Association of Counties -- \$645.00
 Capluck Inc. -- \$1,400.00
 Creative Bus Sales Inc. -- \$47,633.00
 Hill Country Dairies -- \$352.17
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 Ramos Refrigeration & A/C -- \$858.00
 GT Distributors -- \$673.68

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

Budget Line Item Transfers

Juvenile Probation Dept.

017-570-102 to 017-570-203 -- \$2,010.00
 017-570-102 to 017-570-492 -- \$3,000.00

Park Dept.

010-660-442 to 010-660-195 -- \$1,000.00

Constable Pct. 1

010-551-343 to 010-551-349 -- \$800.00

Juvenile Probation Dept.

017-570-404 to 017-570-424 -- \$1,045.91

Airport

072-622-575 to 072-622-450 -- \$20,000.00
 072-622-453 to 072-622-450 -- \$8,000.00

Human Services

128-632-427 to 128-632-423 -- \$1,000.00

Road & Bridge Pct. 3

025-623-450 to 025-623-354 -- \$2,000.00
 025-623-486 -- \$1,000.00

COVID-19

010-632-499 to 010-632-332 -- \$1,193.59

Non-Dept.

010-409-400 to 010-409-464 -- \$562.54

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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 approving to pay Data Processing (\$3,500.00) out of Reserve and all other budget amendments to be paid as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

Budget Amendments

Data Processing

010-503-343 -- \$3,500.00

EDA Grant-Revenues

173-361-660 -- \$4,374.28

County Attorney
047-340-600 -- \$200.00

Juvenile Probation Dept.
012-360-012 -- \$2.41

Human Services
053-367-055 -- \$25,000.00
053-633-449 -- \$25,000.00

Juvenile Probation Dept.
021-333-800 -- \$1,976.12
021-577-491 -- \$1,976.12
021-360-021 -- \$1.50

Federal Drug Fund
111-360-111 -- \$56.29

Chapter 59 Forfeitures
034-512-497 -- \$65,318.03
034-352-300 -- \$60,959.73
034-360-034 -- \$13.72

KSO Towing & Storage
035-512-497 -- \$3,907.83
035-352-302 -- \$3,000.00
035-360-035 -- \$0.20

025-623 Pct. 3 R&B
025-623-571 -- \$55,000.00

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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 Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Rosse approving status changes for the following employees:

Herman Cantu	D.A. Investigator	D.A.'s Office	New Hire
Jason McGee	Asst. Commander	Task Force	Resign

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #5

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Monthly Reports

The above matter coming on for consideration, no monthly reports submitted.

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Agenda Items 6 & 7 Were Discussed And Voted On As One

AGENDA ITEM #6

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Receiving Proposals For Kaufer-Hubert Park Pavilion

AGENDA ITEM #7

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Awarding Proposal For Kaufer-Hubert Park Pavilion

The above matters coming on for consideration, Judge Madrid explained there would be no action on these items due to incorrect posting in the Kingsville Record. Deadline to receive proposals will be July 9th, proposals will be voted on and awarded at our regular scheduled meeting July 13th.

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AGENDA ITEM #8

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Allowing The County Judge To Seek Proposals For A Building Extension To The Early Voting Annex Facility

The above matter coming on for consideration, Stephanie G. Garza, County Clerk spoke saying due to COVID-19, public safety and social distancing this needs to be done by end of September in preparation for the General Election in November. A motion was made by Commissioner Cantu and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approving to allow the County Judge to seek proposals for a building extension to the Early Voting Annex Facility with monies to come from the Reserve. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #9

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Presentation By District Attorney John T. Hubert, Or Proxy, Regarding Commissioners' Court Approving Of The Hiring Of A Second Investigator, Herman Cantu, To Replace Our Current Investigator Aaron Vueleman, Who Is Leaving The D.A.'S Office To Attend Law School. Mr Vueleman's Last Day Will Be July 24, 2020. During The Training Period, The New Investigator Will Be Paid, With Benefits, From The D.A.'S Asset Forfeiture Fund. The Salary Will Be Paid Through A Grant From The Border Prosecution Unit (BPU) And From The District Attorney's Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Fund

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Cantu approving to hire a second investigator, Herman Cantu, to replace current investigator Aaron Vueleman, who is leaving the D.A.'s Office to attend law school. Mr. Vueleman's last day will be July 24, 2020. During the training period, the new investigator will be paid, with benefits, from the D.A.'s Asset forfeiture Fund. The salary will be paid through a grant from the Border Prosecution Unit (BPU) and from the District Attorney's Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Fund. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #10

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval For The Net Data Web Jury Software For The Kleberg County District Clerk's Office

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Judge Madrid and seconded by Commissioner Cantu approving the Net Data Web Jury Software for the Kleberg County District Clerk's Office. Money (\$3,500.00) for installation to be paid from the Reserves. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #11

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Amended Interlocal Agreement Between The City Of Kingsville And The County Of Kleberg For Parks Within The City Limits

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Judge Madrid and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approving the amended Interlocal Agreement between the City of Kingsville and the County of Kleberg for parks within the city limits. Judge Madrid added this is a big win for the county and agreement will go into effect October 1, 2020. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously 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:

Lots of people testing positive with no symptoms / signs of COVID-19
The last 3 days we've had an increase in positive cases
Mask Order is extended through July 29th and will expire at 11:59 P.M. that day
City will be issuing the same order
We're not here to inconvenience anyone
This is for everyone's safety
Asking business owners to post signs regarding the use of facemask
Signs available to businesses at no charge

Commissioner Cantu inquired if the COVID-19 reports from CDC (Center for Disease Control) include the results from clinics in our area who are administering tests?

Judge Madrid responded that the CDC (Center of Disease Control) only recognizes certain types of the test therefor some test being administering by local clinics are not included in the report.

Judge Madrid went on to say if an employee is sent home / quarantined due to COVID-19 they will get paid through the CARES Act. Time will go under "Other" on timesheet.

No action taken on update.

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

Judge Madrid –

Public Hearing today at 5:30 P.M.

Sheriff Kirkpatrick gave a briefing of staff & COVID-19 –

10 employees out due to testing positive for COVID-19 or exposure
Waiting on results for 2 employees
Due to employees being out, last minute resort is to hire reserve officers to temporarily help us during this time
Temporary officers do not need to be with CLEAT
Can pay temps out of current budget at this time

Melissa S. Green, Co. Auditor –

Sheriff already has a line item set up for temporary employees
Change of status forms will be needed for temp hires

Stephanie G. Garza, Co. Clerk –

I want to inform the court if my office were to come down with COVID and we had to quarantine, the Runoff Election / General Election does not stop. It will be handed over to the Judge's Office and / or the Voter Registrar to continue conduction of the election.

Judge Madrid –

Human Services is still at full operation
We continue to care for our elderly and disabled community
If anyone has questions or concerns please call David Garcia or Frances Garcia for assistance

Prissy A. Cantu, Co. Treasurer –

2 departments did not comply with turning timesheets in on time
3 people did not turn in timesheets, 1 was from the Treasurer's Office who had an unforeseen emergency and 1 brought it in late and did not say anything
I have received many complaints regarding the 10-hour work day
Employees say it's hard coming in at 7:00 A.M.
They do not like the 30-minute lunch
Sitter problems, etc....
Due to not everyone complying we need to go back to working 8-hour days

Judge Madrid –

What's the aftermath of 2 people not turning in their timesheets on time?

Prissy A. Cantu, Co. Treasurer –

There were also problems with insurance

Melissa S. Green, Co. Auditor –

Nothing we're facing now working 4 – 10's is any different than we face working 5 8-hour days
There are only 2 pay periods left with these hours

Judge Madrid –

You want to penalize over 200 employees because of 2 people?
No one has come to me to say they aren't happy working 4 10's
We need to hold individuals responsible

Ray De La Garza, Maintenance Director –

It works well for my guys
We disinfect the whole Courthouse every Friday when no one is here

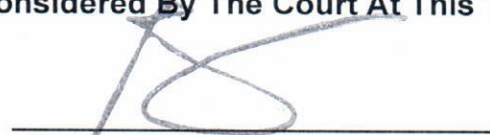
Judge Madrid –

We'll have to bring this back

4th of July is this weekend, I encourage employees to be safe, spend time with loved ones and reflect on everything. It has been a tough year and remember to social distance.


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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