

Kleberg County Commissioners' Court Minutes



Emergency Session On Wednesday, March 18, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 18th day of March, 2020 the Commissioners' Court of Kleberg County, Texas, met in an Emergency 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:

Kira Talip-Sanchez, Co. Attorney

COURT WAS OPENED and called to order by Judge Madrid to consider the following agenda items, Commissioner Schultz gave the invocation and Commissioner Cantu 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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Discuss And Act On The Following Items:

Emergency Session To Discuss Allowing County Judge To Establish A Remote Off-Site Clinical Collection Area For Covid-19 At The Pan American FEMA Dome And Any Other Business Related To It.

The following was discussed at the Emergency Session Pertaining To COVID-19 and Pan American FEMA Dome:

Judge Madrid –

Will be offering latitude to the public for public comments
Huge victory for Kleberg County
Worked diligently to make this happen
I believed in this
Kleberg County is between outlying communities like Jim Wells, Jim Hogg, etc...
Surrounding Counties support me and what I'm trying to do
Spoke with Judge Barbara Canales, they have a plan and is 100% on board with what I'm doing

Found out this morning someone was turned away in Nueces County for testing of COVID-19

Thank you to – Congressman Filemon Vela, State Representative J.M. Lozano, and Senator Eddie Lucio. This is teamwork at their very best!

Doors will be open to any and all Counties surrounding Kleberg

All students at the FEMA Dome will be evacuated

Region 11 will provide Nursing Staff

Spohn Kleberg is involved, will be collecting specimens

Loyalty is to Kleberg County

Doing this to protect everyone

Commissioner Rosse –

What is the process going to be?

Judge Madrid –

Protocol for Kleberg County if you suspect you have symptoms of the flu are as follows: 1. Contact Emergency Room / Health Care Provider

2. Go to staging area where you will be assessed

3. If you meet any of the criteria of COVID-19 you will be sent to Pan American for testing

4. DHS (Department of Human Services) will be notified

5. Test will be sent to Harlingen

6. Results within 24 hours

7. Notify individual

Hours of operation will be 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sheriff's Office will provide security at the site

Spohn Hospital has stepped up and will provide supplies

Commissioner Schultz –

Biggest concern is younger generation, they don't take it as serious

How do we explain it to them so they understand the severity?

Commissioner Cantu –

Will this be a drive thru or will individuals go inside?

Judge Madrid –

It will be inside, no one will leave

No risk of contamination to Kleberg County

If after hours, Spohn Kleberg Hospital will make sure the patient will be there the next day at 8:00 am

Will go live with this as of Saturday

Commissioner Salinas –

Thank you to all citizens of Kingsville for helping out or wanting to help. It is appreciated.

Judge Madrid –

Thanks Emilio Garcia

Any new news will be told immediately so everyone is informed

Questions / Comments From The Public:

Chris Berry – Lawndale, Kingsville – I am one of the people who posted negative comments on social media and I do not feel bad. I am a business owner

and this is an inconvenience. I have disabled family members that I care for. What can the County do to help? What if utilities can not be paid and cannot buy food?

Judge Madrid –

Go to Human Services, they will do an assessment. If there is a problem call my office.

Chris Berry –

Where do business owners go to get information to make sure they will get help?

Judge Madrid –

Contact Congressman Vela for information

I am currently in negotiations with HEB

I am humbly asking for the public to reserve 8:00 am – 9:30 am for our senior citizens

Kleberg County Human Services is available to give rides to those in need

Greg Hopper, Pan American Chief Financial Officer –

Would like to ask if a KISD representative is in attendance?

There are 3 FEMA Domes in Kleberg County

There are 130 kids on campus and will still be there on Saturday

Some need more time to get home

Judge Madrid –

I did not receive a call from the School District

Judge Andy Gonzalez, JP Pct. 1 –

Thank you to everyone

Once the person is swabbed, what happens to that person?

Judge Madrid –

The Doctor will determine the diagnosis

Please remember - Patient is to go to their physician NOT the Emergency Room

If there are questions the direct number to the ER is 361-595-9746

Lacy Lasiter, Spohn Kleberg Nursing –

We are prepared, organized and supplied

Screening check list can be done over the phone

If having respiratory issues go to the ER BUT call ahead so they will be prepared

Do NOT come in the front door

Remember: Step 1 is to contact Your Provider

Ann Marie Torres – 701 W. Kleberg, Kingsville –

Thanks Judge Madrid and Commissioners

Emilio Garcia did a fabulous job answering my questions

Who will be setting up at Pan American?

Commissioner Rosse -

How many people will be running the facility?

Judge Madrid –

Myself, Sheriff Kirkpatrick and Commissioners will be setting up at Pan American

2 Nurses will be running the facility

Sheriff Kirkpatrick –

There will be a hotline directly to stage area

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

Judge Madrid –

Discussed the mics being fixed at the Courthouse Annex, Law Enforcement Center to better serve Commissioners' Court and the community

Spoke with Brian Birdwell, he can do the work

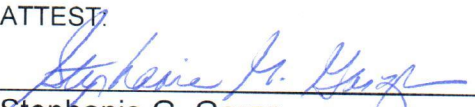
A motion was made by Commissioner Cantu and seconded by Commissioner Schultz authorizing Brian Birdwell to fix the mics at the Courthouse Annex, Law Enforcement Center with money to come from COVID-19 fund line item. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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

