

Kleberg County Commissioners' Court Minutes



Regular Session On Monday, March 23, 2020 @ 1:30 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 23rd day of March, 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 Salinas approving to pay T.J. Electric \$43,276.00 out of Commissioners' Court Approved Funds, all Birdwell Computer Services bills to be paid out of COVID-19 Fund all other bills to be paid as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

Bills

- T.J. Electric -- \$43,276.00
- Birdwell Computer Services -- \$1,892.16
- Birdwell Computer Services -- \$1,441.34
- Birdwell Computer Services -- \$759.96
- Birdwell Computer Services -- \$3,057.28
- Birdwell Computer Services -- \$6,954.10
- Birdwell Computer Services -- \$190.00
- The Reyna Network -- \$3,000.00
- Raul Hernandez & Co. P.C. -- \$6,000.00
- Fulcrum -- \$40,000.00
- Betty Lou Schroeder PHD -- \$400.00
- AXON Enterprises Inc. -- \$6,620.00
- GT Distributors -- \$499.96
- GT Distributors -- \$1,000.86
- Ramirez-Salinas Funeral Home -- \$450.00
- Quill Corp. -- \$520.83
- Nessen CDJR -- \$449.74
- US FoodService Inc. -- \$1,876.60
- Quill Corp. -- \$504.94
- Net Data Corp. -- \$8,000.00
- Net Data Corp. -- \$14,544.17
- Chemtex -- \$469.00

Labatt Food Service -- \$3,230.40
Chapter 59 Forfeiture Acct. -- \$2,726.17

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

Budget Line Item Transfers

Human Services
052-632-448 to 052-632-417 -- \$2,531.13

County Clerk
010-403-315 to 010-403-343 -- \$989.98

Road & Bridge Pct. 3
025-623-597 to 025-623-457 -- \$20,000.00

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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 Salinas to approve the budget amendments as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

Budget Amendments

DA's Office
042-476-580 -- \$20,000.00

Human Services
053-367-053 -- \$7,500.00
053-631-449 -- \$7,500.00

Constable Pct. 2
010-552-479 -- \$685.36

JP 2
032-452-499 -- \$739.95

Juvenile Probation Dept.
012-351-012 -- \$145.00
012-202-449 -- \$50.00
010-360-012 -- \$0.65

Boat Ramp Grant
180-660-403 -- \$452.25

GOMESA
079-664-403 -- \$707.00

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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 Cantu and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving status changes for the following employees:

Ramiro Gonzalez	Detention Officer	Sheriff Office	Certificate
Marcos Bravo	Detention Officer	Sheriff Office	Certificate
Mateo Galvan	Sheriff Deputy	Sheriff Office	New Hire
Gustavo Deleon	Equipment Operator	Comm. Pct. 4	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 Monthly Reports

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Schultz 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. Commissioner Rosse took a moment to tell JP Pct. 1 and JP Pct. 3 good job on bringing in money.

Monthly Reports

Tax Assessor - Collector – February 2020
District Clerk - Court Costs – February 2020
District Clerk - Fee Account – February 2020
Justice of The Peace Pct. 1 – February 2020
Justice of The Peace Pct. 3 – February 2020
Texas A&M Agrilife Extension – February 2020
Kleberg Co. Airport – January & February 2020

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AGENDA ITEM #6

**In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Resolution In Support Of Eagle Scout
Tyler Bru**

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas adopting the Resolution in support of Eagle Scout Tyler Bru which recognizes his accomplishments and proclaims March 29, 2020 as “Tyler Bru Day”. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered. Commissioner Rosse read the Resolution to the court.

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AGENDA ITEM #7

**In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Presentation By John T. Hubert, Or
Proxy To Discuss And Act On Approving Making A Donation To Communities In
Schools, In The Amount Of \$2,500.00 From The D.A.’S Chapter 59 Asset
Forfeiture Funds For The Provision Of Training And/Or Education Related Duties
Or Services For The Provision Of Drug And Alcohol Free Programs**

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Cantu approving District Attorney, John T. Hubert making a \$2,500.00 donation to Communities In Schools for the provision of training and/or education related duties or services for the provision of drug and alcohol free programs. Money to come from the D.A.’s Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Funds. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #8

**In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Ratifying County Judge Approval
Allowing Kleberg County Attorney Specialized Crimes & Narcotics Task Force To
Apply For 2021 Local Border Security Program Grant #3655703**

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Judge Madrid approving to ratify County Judge’s approval allowing Kleberg County Attorney Specialized Crimes & Narcotics Task Force to apply for 2021 Local Border Security Program Grant #3655703. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #9

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Resolution For Local Border Security Program Grant #3655703 For Kleberg County Attorney Specialized Crimes & Narcotics Task Force

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approving the Resolution for Local Border Security Program Grant #3655703 for Kleberg County Attorney Specialized Crimes & Narcotics Task Force. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #10

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Declaring A HP Desk Jet Printer (#201585) As Salvage From The Extension Office

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving a HP Desk Jet Printer (#201585) as salvage from the Extension 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 Approval Of A Contract Employee For The Kleberg County Attorney's Office

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Cantu approving a contract employee for The Kleberg County Attorney's Office. Money to pay contract employee to come from Kleberg County Attorney's Specialized Crimes & Narcotics Task Force. 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 –

I as the County Judge would like to accept donations to put together care packages for the elderly to include food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, etc...

Distribution of care packages will be at Human Services

Commissioner Salinas and his office to help out

I have reached out to the King Ranch and Rochelle Foundation for donations

There will be no County money involved

Any monetary donations received will be place in COVID-19 line item

A motion was made by Judge Madrid and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approving to allow County Judge to accept donations to put together care packages for the elderly. Any money received for this purpose will go into COVID-19 line item. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

Judge Madrid –

A supplier of face masks has been located and 4,000 masks have been ordered

The total bill is \$12,000.00, \$6,000.00 is due now

Melissa S. Green, County Auditor –

Waiting on W-9 from supplier

Brandon Harris, Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief–

Voiced concerns saying it's nearly impossible to get supplies like masks, gloves, gowns, etc..

Almost everything is coming from China

What are our limitations when it comes to making a purchase?

Made contact with Total Safety out of Houston for supplies

No account set up, not a Kleberg County Vendor, will accept payment through credit card or check over the phone

Judge Madrid –

If you have access to supplies call my office, I can authorize emergency spending

Let them know it's for Kleberg County and see if they can bill us or do a purchase order

Commissioner Cantu –

Get the paperwork and let's get this going

Judge Madrid –

We will expedite bills

A motion was made by Judge Madrid and seconded by Commissioner Cantu authorizing Judge Madrid to approve emergency expenditures pertaining to COVID-19. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

Closing Of Offices / Work Of Each Department

Jennifer Whittington, District Clerk –

Will be closed to the public as of tomorrow, Tuesday, March 24, 2020

We will be available through phone, mail and e-file

Prissy A. Cantu, County Treasurer –

Office will stay open, we do not deal with the public
Business as usual

Evalinda Avelar, County Tax Assessor Chief Deputy –

Closed to public as of today, March 23, 2020

Available by phone, mail and online

Stephanie G. Garza, County Clerk –

Closed to the public starting today, March 23, 2020

Available by phone and mail
Taking appointments for Marriage License only
Office is fully staffed

Melissa S. Green, County Auditor –

Office is open, we do not deal with the public
Business as usual
We can work from home if needed

Kira Talip-Sanchez, County Attorney –

Office is closed
Staff working from home

Rudy Madrid, County Judge –

Office remains open

Richard Kirkpatrick, County Sheriff –

No in-house visitations
Online visitations available
1 person at a time in the lobby to pick up bonds
Kiosk is available to put money into inmate account for commissary

Veronica Hare, Insurance Coordinator –

Office is open if employees need anything

COVID-19 Testing Facility Update

Judge Madrid –

Steady
13 citizens tested at the screening/testing site
No results as of yet

Reminder: Screening/Testing Site Serves 2 Purposes

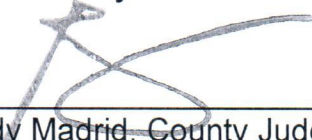
1. Call if you think you have symptoms
2. Prescreen
3. If you have symptoms you will be asked to self-quarantine. If you are tested too early you risk a false negative reading
4. Do Not go into public, symptoms can worsen
5. Open from 8am – 5pm 7 days a week
6. Do Not go to the Emergency Room
7. No one will be turned away from the screening/testing site
8. Facility is available for 30 days maybe longer depending on threat of virus
9. Working hand in hand with the City of Kingsville
10. Looking into shelter for those who might test positive for the virus

Facebook Live


Today is our first day of Facebook live. We are working through the kinks of going live. We set up a Kleberg County Commissioners Court Facebook page which has a link to accurate updates on COVID-19 to eliminate confusion and fear. We are happy to be adding Benjamin Gonzalez (TAMUK) to the team of Brian Birdwell (Birdwell Computer Services) and Janine Reyes (Director of Tourism City of Kingsville). Thank you all very much for your hard work, we are excited about the Facebook page. If anyone has uncertainties please call my office 595-8585.

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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

