

Kleberg County Commissioners' Court Minutes



Special Session On Monday, September 30, 2024 @ 1:30 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 30th day of September, 2024 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
Jerry Martinez, Commissioner Pct. #3
Marcus Salinas, Commissioner Pct. #4
Salvador "Sonny" Barrera, III, County Clerk

Also present were:

Kira Talip- Sanchez, Co. Attorney
Melissa Green, Co. Auditor
Priscilla A. Cantu, Co. Treasurer
Janie Espindola, Deputy Clerk
Delma Trevino, Chief Deputy Clerk(NP)

COURT WAS OPENED and called to order by Judge Madrid to consider the following agenda items, Commissioner Salinas gave the invocation and Commissioner Salinas 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 Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez approving to pay the bills as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

Bills

Av Air Solutions--\$2,807.12
Baker & Taylor--\$1,116.79
Bulk Bookstore--\$325.00
CC Distributors--\$1,242.98
Christus Spohn Health System--\$1,887.06
Christus Spohn Health System--\$3,717.10
Christus Spohn Health System--\$1,100.20
Christus Spohn Health System--\$679.32
Christus Spohn Health System--\$1,066.52
Christus Spohn Health System--\$1,127.83
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Christus Spohn Health System--\$1,309.49
G&S Property Services--\$2,280.00
Kingsville Record--\$708.00
Kira Talip--\$422.50
OCLC, Inc--\$1,302.75
OCLC, Inc--\$500.25
Quill Corporation--\$434.09
Quill Corporation--\$342.78
Quill Corporation--\$369.67
Ramrez-Salinas Funeral Home--\$995.00
Rodriguez & Sons Plumbing Co--\$855.69

US Foodservice, Inc--\$1,631.90
US Foodservice, Inc--\$2,009.81

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

Budget Line-Item Transfers

CCAP

010-409-493 to 010-695-497--\$3,336.28

EOC

010-409-499 to 010-639-498--\$10,000.00
010-409-575 to 010-639-498--\$14,445.60
010-409-497 to 010-639-498--\$27.05

Human Services

058-636-497 to 058-636-103--\$2,161.34
058-6336-497 to 058-636-225--\$41.56
058-637-330 to 058-637-115--\$2,310.00

Juvenile Probation

012-571-105 to 012-571-114--\$638.35
012-571-105 to 012-571--\$1,362.40
012-571-105—012-571-203--\$37.63
017-570-204 to 017-570-490--\$1,561.95

Road & Bridge Pct. 3

025-623-330 to 025-623-457--\$4,488.75
025-623-354 to 025-623-457--\$1,962.00

Sheriff

252-560-157 to 252-560-203--\$2,036.58
222-512-113 to 222-560-349--\$4,481.00
222-512-122 to 222-560-349--\$2,818.18
222-512-150 to 222-560-349--\$11,629.75
222-512-201 to 222-560-349--\$1,437.68
222-512-203 to 222-560-349--\$3,084.22
222-512-204 to 222-560-349--\$377.10
222-560-101 to 222-560-349--\$6,000.00
222-560-103 to 222-560-349--\$4,812.00
222-560-104 to 222-560-575--\$78,959.86
222-560-112 to 222-560-349--\$4,318.80
222-560-140 to 222-560-349--\$3,832.76
222-560-150 to 222-560-349--\$18,499.30
222-560-201 to 222-560-349 --\$8,693.05
222-560-203 to 222-560-349--\$17,974.96
222-560-204 to 222-560-349--\$2,300.00
222-560-206 to 222-560-349--\$300.00
222-560-140 to 222-560-139--\$1,484.16

Treasurer

010-497-426 to 010-497-497--\$800.00
010-497-426 to 010-497-311--\$450.00
010-497-427 to 010-497-497--\$2,000.00
010-497-453 to 010-497-497--\$1,550.00
010-497-493 to 010-497-310--\$500.00
010-497-462 to 010-497-310--\$580.00

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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 Rossi and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve the budget amendments as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered. Salvador Barrera, County Clerk, presented an amendment to cover an outstanding expense. Melissa Green, Auditor, said as there was still \$1000 in his budget from over-time monies that was not used, the expense could be taken from there. The expense will be processed as a Budget Line Item Transfer 010-403-195. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously, and so ordered

Budget Amendments

Airport Ramp

072-360-072--\$202.45

C.J.D.9/1-8/31 Grant Fund

054-360-054-\$.34

Constable Pct. #3

010-333-553--<\$779.03>
010-553-479--\$779.03

County Judge

010-400-408--\$2,000.00

District Court

010-435-408--\$30,000.00

EDA

183-519-501--\$2,46.50

Emergency Operation Center

010-639-498--\$1,704.06
010-69-497--\$190.95

Human Services

128-632-454--\$2,100.00
058-333-349--\$1,220.59
128-360-128--\$6.84
128-380-349--\$786.36

Jail

010-512-341--\$120.00
010-512-450--\$2,743.00
010-512-404--\$40,790.00
010-512-440--\$9,035.07
010-512-405--\$800.00
010-512-397--\$12.29
010-512-418--\$370.00
010-512-418--\$370.00
010-512-450--\$9,594.16

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Juvenile Probation
021-344-578--<-\$443.34>
021-578-439--\$443.34

Sheriff
010-560-341--\$856.40
010-560-397--\$124.97
010-560-423--\$2,708.98
010-560-330--\$149.03
010-560-454--\$1,717.50
010-560-497--\$505.00
010-560-359--\$525.00
010-560-453--\$252.00

AGENDA ITEM #4

In The Matter Of Discussing On Awarding Proposals For Road & Bridge Materials For FY 2024-2025

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rossi and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to Award the following Primary Proposals to the following companies:

Asphalt Rock aka Blades Group -- Bagged Asphalt
Wilson Culverts -- Galvanized Culverts
Core & Main -- Poly Pipe Culverts
Core & Main -- Concrete Converts
Valero -- Asphalt Oil
G&S Property Services -- Dump Truck Hauling
Secondary--Salazar Trucking
Petroleum Distributing -- Fuel
V. T. Collins aka Kingsville Materials -- Crushed Caliche
Secondary -- Martin Marietta
Martin Marietta -- Crushed Limestone
Secondary -- Vulcan Materials
Vulcan Materials -- Precoated 3 & 4 Asphalt Rock
Secondary -- Martin Marietta
Vulcan Materials -- LRA Cold Mix
Secondary -- Martin Marietta

Secondary awards were proposed in case the primary company was out of materials at the time an order was placed. Tanker truck proposals were not received but Commissioner Rosse has asked Frances Garcia, Chief of Staff, to place an add in the Kingsville Record requesting bids be submitted. Commissioner Rossi has been doing his best to get in contact with Randy Jackson with Trout Trucking but has not been able to. He has left several messages on his voice mail and they have not been returned. He will continue to try and as he is hoping Trout will give us a bid on hauling liquid asphalt. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #5

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Collective Bargaining Labor Agreement Between Kleberg County And The Kleberg County Sheriff's Officers Association (KCSOA).

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving Collective Bargaining Labor Agreement between Kleberg County and the Kleberg County Sheriff's Officers Association (KCSOA). County Attorney Kira Talip-Sanchez was asked if she had a chance to look over Article 10, Section 3. Kira replied the contact was fine as it was it. Commissioner Rosse said he did not feel that they should get over-time pay as it is not allowed for other county employees. He also stated he is still against Article 10, Section 3 as proposed. He had also looked for the part that stated a law enforcement officer

could be disciplined or dismissed but could go before Commissioners Court and plead his case, so he could be reinstated. Kira stated that part was no longer in the contract as it had been taken out. Judge stated they are having a hard time stomaching the over-time basically, as they can take a few days off, come back, work a double and get paid over-time as their time off is counted as hours. That's why we had you with physical hours. Then they had proposal to us saying we will say it only applies under Stonegarden which I was all for it but then we found out they cannot put that under the contract. I think we can still have a general understanding, be a good steward with the tax-payers money if you have to do over-time and put it under Stonegarden. We just can't put it in the contract. We can agree to it, just so you know what our wishes are. We know there will be times when you can't but for the most part that's what the money is there for, for over-time. Technically and legally what's in the contract it says what it says. The Sheriff controls it. Kira says it's correct the way it is. For the record if they didn't want to go to Stonegarden they don't have to, it would just by my preference if they did, that's what the money is given to the county for and ultimately that grant falls under me and then it's distributed to the Sheriff and he distributes it to whoever he wants to. The Sheriff has been good about it. How much do you give the City? Sheriff states it's a split, so we split the grant. Judge says that is a good deal cause Sheriff Munoz, he wasn't giving the City anything, I apologize I meant Sheriff Mata. I tried to intervene in this. I got Chief of Police Torres and Sheriff Mata together and asked Sheriff Mata to give Chief Torres some. I thought he had done so, a few months later I saw Chief Torres and I said, "I was glad to help you guys, to which Chief Torres asked what are you talking about, the Sheriff never gave us that money." Sheriff has been a good steward of this money. Upon vote, motion carried with a vote of 4 to 1. Commissioner Rosse voted against this motion since other employees cannot receive these same benefits, he stands by his belief that if other employees cannot get this benefit.

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AGENDA ITEM #6

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of An Order And Submission Of The 2024 Tax Roll For The 2024 Tax Year.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving the Order and Submission of the 2024 Tax Roll for the 2024 Tax Year. Upon vote, the motion carried with a vote of 4 to 1. Commissioner Rosse was the only one voting against it.

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AGENDA ITEM #7

In The Matter Of Discussing On Formally Requesting The County Auditor To Conduct An Audit, As Required By Article 59.06, Of The Code Of Criminal Procedures, And To File Report With The Texas Attorney General Regarding Asset Forfeiture Fund For Constable Pct. 1, Constable Pct. 3, Constable Pct. 4, County Attorney and 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 Salinas approved requesting the County Auditor to conduct an Audit, as required by Article 59.06, of the Code of Criminal Procedures, and to file report with the Texas Attorney General Regarding Asset-Forfeiture Fund for Constable Pct. 1, Constable Pct. 3, Constable Pct. 4, County Attorney and Kleberg County Attorney Specialized Crimes & Narcotics Task Force. Upon vote, motion carried Unanimously, and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #8

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of The Final Payment To Silver Star Construction , In The Amount Of \$46,625.25, For The Emergency Operation Center, With The Money To Come From EDA Grant.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approving the final payment to Silver Star Construction, in the amount of \$46,625.25 for the Emergency Operation Center, with the money to come from EDA Grant. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously, and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #9

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval On Allowing Pink Ribbons To Be Placed Around Courthouse Trees, During The Month Of October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, In Honor Of Former County Treasurer, Rachel S. Alaniz, And All Other Employees And Citizens That Have Been Touched By Cancer.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving to allow Pink Ribbons to be placed around the Courthouse trees during the month of October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, In Honor of Former County Treasurer, Rachel S. Alaniz, and all other employees and citizens that have been touched by Cancer. Upon vote, motion was carried unanimously, and so ordered.

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Conduct any other business necessary for the proper functioning of county Business.

Judge Madrid - We had a very good visit with TEEX, along with A&M Kingsville and College Station, City of Kingsville, Chief of Police, Fire Chief, and the Sheriff. We had a real good turn out going over future endeavors in regards to the Regional Emergency Development Center. We are going to be entering into a partnership with A&M here in Kingsville and College Station to create a Law and Fire Training Facility that is going to be academically accredited through the Texas A&M System. Everyone was very happy with the facility and the technology that will be there. Everyone, basically I said, this place belongs to you all for Law, Fire and Rescue. We actually have more plans for this facility. Matter of fact on Wednesday, Jennifer Whittington is hosting the State District Clerks Conference. Tomorrow Ray Garza, starts employment with the county. He will be working directly under me at the Emergency Operations Center and that's going to be our strategic planning center as well. We are hiring another person, a woman from the Valley who specializes in Business Incubators is coming on the payroll, we have her for one year. Her job is to get it started from the ground up, both software and networks and all that good stuff. We got an employee named, Jeffrey West, who is a pretty brilliant guy and he is from the university. He is being given to us to have at our disposal by the university. He will have an office out there as well and again strategic planning. I have overgrown my court chambers so much with county stuff going on so, I'm going to split it up. My courtroom chambers are my court chambers for Criminal hearing and Probates and what not. The strategic planning will be done at the Emergency Operations Center now that we have better technology and we actually have a boardroom and not have to use the jury room upstairs. I can tell you we are hitting the ground hard, as we just applied for a \$1M Grant through COG. It's a Job Challenge Grant. We can choose a community project to work on to build and put people to work. I believe we have an excellent chance of getting that one. We are about to submit it. We are also working on a \$20M EPA Grant and that's coming along really, really well. We are picking a lot of neat projects with that one. Matter of fact I

have a meeting with a Congressman tomorrow specifically about this grant, advocating for Kleberg County.

We got to thank God for not taking me up on that offer, I remember a few months ago we had issues with TxDOT when they said we had to re-route all underground utilities because the I-69 was going to encroach on them. I said, that's not acceptable. I said it should not at our cost, it's your highway. We have paid for the easements already, to which I heard Jim Wells went and requested a reimbursement for those easements and they gave them back the money, so maybe we will get that as well. They said you guys are running out of time and you have to come up with a plan as we are going to cut all the underground water line for Riviera. I got into the Rudy Madrid mode and said the day you start getting closer, I'm going to get in the middle of the highway and stop your vehicles from getting any further until we resolve this. So TxDOT all came together and LaMantia, our Senator, Morgan LaMantia really stood by my side in this matter. We met the gentleman, the main Commissioner once down in South Padre at a convention and then went to Austin and met with him in Austin. We got a notice from the Municipal Utility Relocation Reimbursement Service, so they are going to pay for the whole thing. Riviera will go forward, they will have water.

Commissioner Salinas stated some residents have reached out to him about the drainage, the ditches. They are getting really overgrown and have asked him if he could do something about it. He told them he would call TxDOT. Judge asked him if he was in the City or County. Commissioner Salinas said it was off 1355. Commissioner Schultz stated that it was a state road and they were responsible for cleaning it. Judge told Commissioner Salinas he would give him the phone number to the Area Director.

Judge went ahead and added that they had the Utility Grant brewing and that he had just signed the pre-construction notice for the Drainage Grant, our post Hurricane Harry \$10M Grant, so we probably will be going out for bids in a few weeks on that one. That is a \$10M Grant that we received and that's going to be drainage and that will be from Highway 77 all the way to Baffin Bay. We will be cleaning out all the creeks and all that good stuff. The City got the other part of the Grant so they will be doing within the City Limits, so we going to do our part so when theirs start flowing they are going to connect to ours and it's going to bottleneck with ours, so we need to move right along with this.

We are getting a \$5M Grant for the Fire Stations and we are just waiting on the Environmental Grant to come in, it's taking about 6 months to get done, which is good as it separates things. Oh, the EPA Grant that we won, we just signed the check for \$496K for the land across from Love's and we will be going out for bids on that one pretty soon.

We are still waiting for a response from the Senate, the Senate Appropriation Grant that we applied for and the Congressional Appropriation Grant we applied for. So the EOC is going to be pumping a lot of work, it's going to be busy.

State of the County is the 18th of October. I'm going to propose to the Commissioners, once I find out how much money we have raised as we have been selling tables for the event and a lot of times people donate their table and such. Maybe we can get the elected officials and their spouses to gat a seat out there as they are always bragging about Kleberg County. Maybe we can get employees out there as well. We will see how many seats we have available at the time, other than that all is going well.

Commissioner Schultz brought up that McCoy's Lumber is closing their doors this month. Commissioner Salinas said that was probably due to the economy. Judge said the believes this as his wife is barely meeting expenses at her place of business.

Commissioner Martinez said that sidewalks are being built around the Ricardo School.

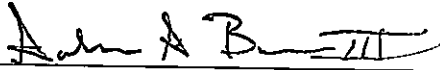
Pursuant to the authority granted under Government Code, Chapter 551, the Commissioners Court may convene a closed session to discuss any of the above agenda items. Immediately before a closed session, the specific section or sections of Government Code, Chapter 551 that provides statutory authority will be announced.

With No Further Business At Hand To Be Considered By The Court At This Time, Adjournment Was Had. Adjourned at 2:15 P.M.



Rudy Madrid, County Judge

ATTEST:



Salvador "Sonny" Barrera, III
County Clerk
Kleberg County, Texas

