

Kleberg County Commissioners' Court Minutes



Special Session On Monday, January 6, 2025 @ 1:30 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 6th day of January, 2025 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, County 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 (NP)
Janie Espindola, Deputy Clerk
Delma Trevino, Chief Deputy Clerk

COURT WAS OPENED and called to order by Judge Madrid to consider the following agenda items, Commissioner Salinas gave the invocation and Commissioner Martinez led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States and Texas Flag.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

*****NO COMMENTS*****

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AGENDA ITEM #1

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approving Payment Of Bills

The above matter coming for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Martinez approving to pay the bills as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

Bills

ACCG Home Remodeling and Upgrades--\$26,260.00
A C Lawn and Garden--\$1,851.90
Salvador Barrera III--\$413.20
Birdwell Computer Services--\$599.99
Capital One, N.A.--\$1,860.36
Coastal Office Solutions--\$351.49
DTN LLC--\$2,192.40
Economy Printing LLC--\$570.00
Galls LLC--\$1,094.28
Frances Garcia--\$592.40
Grant Works Inc.--\$79,250.00
ICS Jail Supplies--\$3,850.00
Jerry's Heating & Air Conditioning--\$425.00
LNV Inc.--\$38,932.12
LaBatt Food Service--\$4,418.29
Lenslock--\$10,293.00
Macareno Signs Graphics--\$360.00
Rudy Madrid--\$544.80
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Net Data Corporation--\$12,332.51
ODP Business Solutions, LLC--\$455.76
Petty's Electronic--\$1,921.00
Ponderosa HVAC & Construction--\$1,150.00

Quill Corporation--\$2,101.55
Ramirez-Salinas Funeral Home--\$925.00
Reyna Network LLC The--\$3,611.11
Scott & Merriman Incorporate--\$1,704.22
Scott & Merriman Inc--\$2,781.94
Delma Trevino--\$413.20
US Foodservice, Inc.--\$ 2,421.35

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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, no motion was made to approve the budget line-item transfers as none were presented.

Budget Line-Item Transfers

****None Presented****

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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, no motion was made to approve the budget amendments as none were presented.

Budget Amendments

****None Presented****

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AGENDA ITEM #4

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval To Amend The Contract With Birdwell Computer Services (BCS) To \$4,000.00 Per Month For Information Technology Services.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving to amend the contract with Birdwell Computer Services (BCS) to \$4,000 per month for information technology services. Services for the EOC building have been included in the new contract. 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 Payment To International Consulting Engineers (ICE), In The Amount Of \$76,153.50, For Work On CDBG Contract #24-065-036-E528, MARRC Fire Stations. (Judge)

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approving payment to International Consulting Engineers (ICE), in the amount of \$76,153.50 for work on CDBG contract #24-065-036-E528, MARRC Fire Stations. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously, and so ordered.

AGENDA ITEM #6

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval For Salvador Barrera III, Delma Trevino, Clarissa Moreno And Crystal Martinez To Attend The Texas Association Of Counties County Election Mid-Winter Conference, In South Padre Island, Texas From January 7-10, 2025.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving for Salvador Barrera III, Delma Trevino, Clarissa Moreno and Crystal Martinez to attend the Texas Association of Counties County Election Mid-Winter Conference, in South Padre Island, Texas from January 7-10, 2025. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #7

In The Matter of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Shah Software License Agreement For Kleberg County Human Services Paisano Transit, In The Amount Of \$23,725.00.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving of Shah Software License Agreement for Kleberg County Human Services Paisano Transit, in the amount of \$23,725.00. Commissioner Rosse asked if this was a new agreement to which David Garcia, Director of Human Services replied that no, this was an existing agreement that had been in place since 2022. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #8

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Contributing, Up To \$10,000.00, In Cash Or In Kind, To The Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving a contribution of \$2,500.00 to the Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group and the use in kind of the EOC in times of a disaster in this area. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously, and so ordered. Funds will come from the County Commissioners Approved Fund.

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AGENDA ITEM #9

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval To Lift Burn Ban.

*****NO ACTION TAKEN*****

AGENDA ITEM #10

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acceptance Of A Charitable Contribution, From 1PointFive First Responder Donation Program, In The Amount Of \$20,000.00, And To Create The Appropriate Line Item(s).

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to accept the charitable contribution from 1PointFive First Responder Donation Program, in the amount of \$20,000.00, and to have Melissa Green, Kleberg County Auditor create an appropriate line item for this. Commissioner Schultz made the motion that any and all money used from this line item will need to be approved by Commissioner's Court. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously, and so ordered.

AGENDA ITEM #11

In The Matter Of Discussing Acting On Approval To Pay ACCG Home Remodeling, In The Amount Of \$26,260.00 For An Addition Of A Storage Room, Supply Room and Installation Of Showers At Kleberg County Human Services.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approving payment to ACCG Home Remodeling, in the amount of \$26,260.00 for an addition of a storage room, supply room and installation of showers at the Kleberg County Human Services. The Human Services Department will be used as "warm zone" during periods of extremely cold weather. Monies to pay for all the remodeling work will come from Human Services Reserves account. Upon vote, motion was carried unanimously, and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #12

In The Matter Of Discussing Acting On Approval To Pay G&S Services, In The Amount Of \$44,800.00, For A 6-Inch Concrete Pad, Bumper Guard And Weather Protection For A Generac Generator At Kleberg County Human Services.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approving payment to G&S Services, in the amount of \$44,800.00, for a 6-inch Concrete Pad, Bumper Guard and Weather Protection for a Generac Generator at Kleberg Human Services. Upon vote, motion was carried unanimously, and so ordered. Funds will come from TxDot Grant.

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AGENDA ITEM #13

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval For David Garcia To Attend The 2025 Texas Transportation Forum In Round Rock, TX On January 27-29, 2025.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving for David Garcia to attend the 2025 Texas Transportation Forum in Round Rock, TX on January 27-29, 2025. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #14

Adjourn Into Executive Session Under Texas Govt. Code 551.074 Regarding Personnel Matters.

County Judge and Commissioners adjourned into Executive Session at 2:06 PM.

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AGENDA ITEM #15

Return To Open Session And Act On The Appropriate Action As Deemed Necessary.

Commissioner's Court resumed back into regular session at 2:16 PM. As there was nothing further to discuss, court went on to other business at hand. No action was taken on item or items discussed during Executive Session.

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

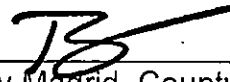
Pursuant to the authority granted under Government Code, Chapter 551, the Commissioners Court may Convene a closed session to discuss any of the above agenda items. Immediately before any closed session, the specific section or sections of Government Code, Chapter 551 that provides statutory authority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

- Kingsville Record posted the Oxy 1.5 are going out for a procurement that is called a CAB, it is a Community Advisory Board. It's a pretty brief description, Judge is asking them for a more detailed description on this. Basically, it's a Community Advisory Board to come and facilitate and govern this upcoming project. It almost sounds exactly the same as what we are already doing and initiating at the EOC, it's our Rural Economic Development Center. We are in the process in fact of having our boots on the ground, recruiting board members and everything ties into the 1.5 Oxy Training Facility that MOU's with the University. Judge will be looking into it to see if Kleberg County qualifies to actually put in a procurement for this. I've asked Ray DeLosSantos to take point on this and if it looks like we can apply, then we will. That's the whole purpose we have that building there and that's the whole purpose we have acquired grant monies. We have already acquired \$8 million worth of grant money to support this mission. Appropriately, I think that CAB needs to be housed out of there. We will be pursuing that. ARP needs to be submitted by January 20, 2025, and the completed Grant Application needs to be submitted by February 3, 2025. There is a point of contact on there that we will be reaching out to as more information is needed on this as there is not enough a large enough scope of what they are asking on this. I see the general idea, but I want to speak to them as it sounds exactly what we are in the process of doing. If we can create a revenue stream for our center, more power to us.
- Judge just got word this morning that a County Road Improvement Grant is out for procurement, Judge will be out pursuing this grant also, so we are going to be looking at that one. This will be brought back as an agenda item at a later date.
- Ray DeLaGarza and his crew have been doing an outstanding maintenance job at the jail. A Maintenance position needs to be opened up to give Ray an extra person to help take care of repairs there. Maintenance person salary and benefits transferred with person to their new position. Jail expenditures stayed at the jail and expenses needed to maintain jail can be drawn from that. There are not any open maintenance spots open with any of the commissioners. Melissa Green, Kleberg County Auditor, will be looking into this and see what she can come up with to help Ray get an extra position. This will be put on the next agenda.
- Judge will be in Austin at a Legislative Session on the January 21, 2025. I will be picking three (3) topics/categories to focus on. His primary topic will be to discuss funding for EMS services. Like I said, surprisingly enough we took, the Resolution Committee, all the resolutions from all of the different counties and the main issue is EMS funding, everyone has the same problem. The other two (2) categories are Juvenile Probation Funding and Volunteer Fire Fighter Funding. These are the top three (3) categories that are problems all across our Texas counties, East, West and South. There is a fourth category which is Jail House Funding.
- As Al Higgenbotham is here, Judge asked if there was any more information on the land procurement that had been brought up before. Al Higgenbotham said he spoke to the title company and they said that as far as any restrictions, they are not sure if there are any. Al states he himself doubts there are any either. Al states that title company did state that if there were any all that had to be done was to obtain a document signed by each property owner in that subdivision agreeing to the modification(s). Al said he also spoke to Mr. Krieger and showed him a contract asking if the county could use it, to which he said he would prefer a TRAC contract, a Texas Real Estate Commission Contract, Al told him he could do that. Kira, County Attorney, said she had one to which Al replied, ok, that will work. Al states


he does not see where any of the restrictions are being violated and if they are, as far as putting in a boat ramp in one of the two lots being purchased. There is nothing about boat ramps one way or the other. If for any reason it did violate any of the restrictions by putting a boat ramp on any of those lots. Judge added he wants to put two (2) of them, a boat ramp and a kayak ramp. If for any reason you could not put in a boat ramp as there is nothing in the restrictions prohibiting that. The thing it would be if you develop the lot it would have to be as a single family residential, just don't develop the lot, other than the boat ramp. Judge said that was what they were going to do. The rest could be used for parking. Al also said that aside from that you could actually come to the action line where the park line actually is and Lot 1 you could put it in on the other side of the park and use Lot 1 and 2 for parking. As long as you are not charging, it should not be difficult to get around. Commissioner Schultz asked if it wouldn't be better to have a stipulation to that effect? Al, replied that yes, it probably would. Al went on to say he had to speak to Larry about several thing the water line out there, and several other things. I'm going to check with the Appraisal District and also talk to the realtor handling land out there and find out who the owners of the lots out there so we would know who we would need to contact. That would be the best thing to do. I don't think we should have any type of problems. In lieu of that I don't think we are violating any of the restrictions that may be out there, but Mike said if we did have to do that, that would be the way to do it. We need to do that now as there are not that many people involved in this. One thing I need to find out is if the person working for the realtor needs to be paid his commission from the proceeds at closing.

- Judge states that as soon as environmental comes back and gives the "green light" we are going to procure that land in Baffin Bay that the Fire Station will be on. 'We have not paid for it yet as we are in a agreement with them, we are committed to it but if the environmental does not pass here then we will be committed. I can tell you the price of property has gone up there right now that we are getting it at a great deal. Al states that it will continue to get worse. Each lot that was purchased cost \$250,000.00.

With No Further Business At Hand To Be Considered By The Court At This Time, Adjournment Was Had. Adjourned at 2:30PM.



Rudy Madrid, County Judge

ATTEST:


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