

Kleberg County Commissioners' Court Minutes



Regular Session On Monday, February 24, 2025, 1:30 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 24th day of February, 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, 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

COURT WAS OPENED and called to order by Kleberg County Judge Rudy Madrid to consider the following agenda items, Commissioner Rosse 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:

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 to approve bills presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

Bills

AV AIR Solutions--\$3,422.77
A C Lawn and Garden--\$624.24
Aransas County--\$24,198.00
Baker & Taylor--\$388.84
Beta Technology Inc.--\$1,996.80
Birdwell Computer Services--\$375.00
Birdwell Computer Services--\$1,399.99
Birdwell Computer Services--\$2,969.93
Birdwell Computer Services--\$1,199.97
Birdwell Computer Services--\$539.88
Christus Spohn Health System--\$1,656.15
Christus Spohn Health System--\$558.53
Christus Spohn Health System--\$3,845.12
Christus Spohn Health System--\$1,592.32
Christus Spohn Health System--\$15,603.25
Christus Spohn Health System--\$1,929.80
Christus Spohn Health System--\$7,603.23
F&D Floor Covering Janitorial--\$608.94
Ray Fernandez M.D.PLLC--\$3,100.00
Forensic & Clinical Psychology--\$800.00
Krystin Gamez--\$867.20
Gateway Printing & Office--\$362.08
Gateway Printing & Office--\$372.90
Gulf Coast Emergency Physicians--\$436.97
Harrell - Kingsville Pharmacy--\$14,157.00

ITC Corporation--\$2,465.98
 ITC Corporation--\$990.00
 Kingsville Veterinary Serv--\$1,192.91
 Kingsville Record--\$486.00
 Language Partners, Inc--\$1,721.77
 Law Enforcement Systems Inc--\$530.00
 McKesson Medical Surgical--\$595.91
 Matera Paper Co/Ferguson--\$443.96
 Orlando Moya--\$607.00
 OCLC, Inc--\$2,314.88
 Palmetto State Armory--\$1,353.50
 Penworthy Company--\$1,518.12
 Quill Corporation--\$1,752.29
 Quill Corporation--\$456.9
 RCI Transportation--\$364.50
 Ramirez-Salinas Funeral Home--\$995.00
 Ramos Refrigeration & A C--\$583.00
 Rod's Parts & Supplies Inc.--\$471.71
 Scott & Merriman Incorporated--\$3,146.52
 Sherwin Williams Company--\$368.04
 Synchrony Bank--\$307.77
 Teas Association Of Counties--\$920.00
 Texas Association of Counties--\$1,225.00
 Sylvia D Trevino, CSR--\$700.00
 Turcotte-Piper Mortuary--\$1,990.00
 US Foodservice Inc.--\$2,511.57
 US Foodservice Inc.--\$1,952.76
 US Foodservice Inc.--\$1,401.56
 US Foodservice Inc.--\$1,829.68
 US Foodservice Inc.--\$2,576.50
 US Foodservice Inc.--\$2,115.65
 Ultra Screen Printing--\$1,150.00
 United States Prisoner Trans--\$763.00
 United States Prisoner Trans--\$487.40
 United States Prisoner Trans--\$473.00
 United States Prisoner Trans--\$557.60
 United States Prisoner Trans--\$1,002.40
 United States Prisoner Trans--\$748.60
 United States Prisoner Trans--\$474.80
 United States Prisoner Trans--\$748.60
 United States Prisoner Trans--\$1,966.40

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

Budget Line-Item Transfers

County Attorney

147-475-103 to 147-475-105--\$202.86
 147-475-103 to 147-475-201--\$321.13
 147-475-103 to 147-475-203--\$990.40

Human Services

058-637-343 to 058-637-423--\$2,500.00
 158-632-454 to 128-632-497--\$1,000.00
 058-37-343 to 058-637-195--\$1,558.04
 058-637-343 to 058-637-203--\$467.13
 058-637-343 to 058-637-497--\$10,500.00
 059-645-202 to 059-645-103--\$20.24
 059-645-202 to 059-645-115--\$606.90
 059-645-202 to 059-645-180--\$789.14
 059-645-202 to 059-645-181--\$822.55
 059-45-202 to 059-645-184--\$36.87
 059-645-202 to 059-645-185--\$22.86

059-645-202 to 059-645-203--\$204.83
 059-643-204 to 058-643-180--\$1,379.02
 059-643-115 to 059-643-180--\$829.02
 059-643-115 to 059-643-181--\$63.70
 059-643-103 to 059-643-181--\$138.96
 059-643-195 to 059-643-181--\$278.35
 059-643-202 to 059-643-181--\$334.05
 059-643-206 to 059-643-181--\$33.75
 059-643-310 to 059-643-181--\$0.52
 059-643-333 to 059-643-203--\$5.70
 059-643-339 to 059-643-203--\$4.89
 059-643-341 to 059-643-203--\$0.10
 059-643-343 to 059-643-203--\$1.61
 059-643-354 to 059-643-203--\$0.83
 059-643-381 to 059-643-203--\$1.23
 059-643-440 to 059-643-203--\$134.74
 059-643-444 to 059-643-203--\$0.12
 059-643-442 to 059-643-203--\$16.03
 059-643-442 to 059-643-184--\$20.47
 059-643-115 to 059-643-184--\$0.65
 059-643-453 to 059-643-184--\$0.71
 059-643-462 to 059-643-184--\$0.21
 059-643-464 to 059-643-184--\$0.58
 059-643-497 to 0569-643-184--\$4.51
 059-643-499 to 059-643-184--\$3.01
 059-643-314 to 059-643-181--\$0.31
 059-643-330 to 059-643-181--\$736.62
 059-643-330 to 059-643-182--\$21.94
 059-643-332 to 059-643-182--\$0.31
 059-643-333 to 059-643-182--\$47.14
 059-143-333 to 059-643-185--\$34.29
 059-643-333 to 059-643-201--\$73.44

Jail

010-512-573 to 010-512-428--\$26,867.00
 010-512-427 to 010-512-428--\$5,700.00
 010-512-493 to 010-512-428--\$3,486.00

Kleberg County Clerk

010-403-315 to 010-403-423--\$800.00

Non-Dept

010-409-459 to 010-409-481--\$1,225.00

Sheriff

010-560-486 to 0100-560-499--\$990.00
 010-560-330 to 010-560-497--\$1,454.91
 010-560-354 to 010-560-195--\$5,000.00
 010-560-330 to 010-560-195--\$10,000.00
 010-560-348 to 010-560-195--\$3,000.00
 010-560-349 to 010-560-195--\$2,000.00
 010-560-422 to 010-560-195--\$2,000.00
 010-560-420 to 010-560-458--\$690.00

Sheriff SB22

222-512-204 to 222-512-122--\$100.00
 222-512-206 to 222-512-122--\$2.63
 222-512-206 to 222-512-150--\$32.14
 222-512-206 to 222-512-201--\$4.10
 222-512-206 to 222-512-203--\$17.20
 222-560-575 to 222-512-203--\$8.35
 222-560-575 to 222-512-113--\$165.82
 222-560-575 to 222-560-103--\$147.99
 222-560-575 to 222-560-104--\$395.15
 222-560-575 to 222-560-112--\$160.97
 222-560-575 to 222-560-139--\$4.04
 222-560-575 to 222-560-140--\$354.31
 222-560-575 to 222-560-150--\$673.66
 222-560-575 to 222-560-301--\$267.06
 222-560-575 to 222-560-203--\$128.35

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 Salinas to approve the budget amendments as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered. If needed monies can be used from reserves. Monies for these will come from reserves.

Budget Amendments

EOA

183-519-403--\$142,700.00
183-519-412--\$61,388.89
183-519-497--\$1,000.00

Human Services

052-333-639--\$21,831.12
052-639-448--\$21,831.62
052-333-641--\$116,153.00
052-641-417--\$13,444.00
052-641-418--\$80,000.00
052-644-136--\$5,397.00
052-641-151--\$771.00
052-641-185--\$1,462.00
052-641-186--\$8,090.00
052-641-202--\$3,438.00
052-641-203--\$2,344.00
052-641-204--\$25.00
052-641-206--\$36.00
052-641-497--\$1,146.000
052-333-640--\$2,377,451.00
052-640-417--\$55,240.00
052-640-448--\$1,855,241.00
052-640-136--\$38,000.00
052-640-151--\$7,710.00
052-640-185--\$29,200.00
052-640-186--\$175,200.00
052-640-195--\$5,000.00
052-640-201--\$19,516.00
052-640-202--\$85,005.00
052-640-203--\$39,925.00
052-640-204--\$434.00
052-640-206--\$612.00
052-640-310--\$2,000.00
052-640-311--\$1,500.00
052-640-314--\$2,000.00
052-640-435--\$200.00
052-640-424--\$1,500.00
052-640-442--\$1,000.00
052-640-459--\$5,000.00
052-640-462--\$2,500.00
052-640-493--\$1,000.00
052-640-497--\$36,168.00
052-640-332--\$1,500.00
052-640-341--\$2,000.00
052-640-343--\$5,000.00
052-640-420--\$2,000.00
052-640-426--\$1,000.00
052-640-427--\$1,500.00
052-640-430--\$500.000
059-390-128--\$1,047.09
053-367-055--\$10,000.00
053-633-449--\$10,000.00
127-390-128--\$8,949.83
128-700-039--\$1,047.09

Kleberg County Attorney-Grant 5053501

108-565-398--\$13,561.50
108-330-565--\$13,561.50

JP3-Tech Fund

010-453-420--\$771.12

Sheriff

039-560-197--\$8,219.20
039-5600-201--\$841.50
039-560-203--\$1,721.50
039-560-204--\$191.40
039-560-206--\$26.40
039-560-461--\$8,184.00

Targeted SP. Exp.

148-514-136--\$2,940.00
148-514-202--\$806.28
148-514-203--\$2,282.63

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AGENDA ITEM #4

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 approving 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.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Kleberg County Auditor Financial Report Monthly Report--December 2024
Kleberg County District Clerk Court Costs Monthly Report--January 2025
Kleberg County District Clerk Court Costs-AG-Monthly Report--January 2025
Kleberg County District Clerk Fee Account-Monthly Report--January 2025
Kleberg County County Clerk-Court Cost-Amended Monthly Report--October 2025
Kleberg County County Clerk-Court Cost-Monthly Report--October 2024
Kleberg County County Clerk-Court Cost-Monthly Report--November 2024
Kleberg County JP Pct. 2 Monthly Report--January 2025
Kleberg County JP Pct. 3-Monthly Report--January 2025
Kleberg County Agrilife Extension Monthly Report--January 2025

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AGENDA ITEM #5

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Receiving Bid(s) For A New Or Used Pneumatic Roller.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Schultz to table this agenda item at this time. Commissioner Rosse and Commissioner Martinez and see the machinery themselves. The commissioners also want to take some of their employees to see them. This agenda item will be brought back once they have had time to do all of this and talk it over. The bids submitted are as follows:

Anderson Machinery: New, Bomag BW11RH Pneumatic Roller	\$112,726.00
Anderson Machinery: Used, 2018 Bomag BW11RH (1,340 hrs)	\$59,410.00
Doggett Equipment: New, CP 1200 ROPS North American Standard	\$121,895.76
GMW/JCB: Used, 2019 DYNAPAC CP-1200 (250 hrs)	\$86,500.00

Holt/Cat	New, CW16 (2 hrs)	\$126,331.39
NPE:	2018 Hamm GRW (2694 hrs)	\$64,589.53
NPE:	2023 Hamm (478 hrs)	\$140,192.32

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AGENDA ITEM #6

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Resolution In Support Of An Act Related To Commercial Signs Along U.S. Hwy 77.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the Resolution in Support of an act related to Commercial Signs along U.S. Hwy 77. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #7

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Ratifying The County Judge's Signature To Extend The Agreement With Kleberg County Volunteer Fire Department.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve ratifying the County Judge's signature to extend the agreement with Kleberg County Volunteer Fire Department. 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 A Professional Service Contract For Forensic Pathologist Between Kleberg County And Dr. Ray Fernandez M.D., PLLC.

The above matter coming on for consideration was tabled. Commissioner Rosse would like a fee schedule was not submitted with the packet. Judge Madrid made a motion to table this item until the Commissioners Court received a fee schedule and were able to review it. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #9

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of An Interlocal Agreement And Resolution Between Kleberg County Attorney's Task Force And Jim Wells County Sheriff's Office For Law Enforcement Services.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve an Interlocal Agreement and Resolution between Kleberg County Attorney's Task Force and Jim Wells County Sheriff's Office for Law Enforcement Services. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #10

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Software As A Service Agreement Between Trusted Driver And Kleberg County Sheriff's Office.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve Software as a Service Agreement between Trusted Driver and Kleberg County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Charles Hoskins from Brownsville, Texas spoke as to the benefits of using one of their Kiosks as people could to pay their fines in full or make partial payments. Use of the Kiosks would be free for two (2) years, per Mr. David DeLosSantos from Mission, Texas, if at the end of the two (2) years if the county does not want to use them you will shake hand and they will walk away. If Kleberg County continues to use them it would be \$2,000.00 per year. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #11

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Surplus/Salvage items From The Robert J Kleberg Public Library.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve Surplus/Salvage items From the Robert J Kleberg Public Library. Hector Vela and Norma Alegria from the Library stated a lot of the old monitors from 2006-2016. Per Melissa Green, auditor, stated that once approved they will be contacted for removal. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #12

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of A Lease Agreement With NDS Leasing For Two (2) Kyocera TA3554ci Copiers, For The Robert J Kleberg Public Library.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve a Lease Agreement with NDS Leasing for two (2) Kyocera TA3554ci Copiers, for the Robert J Kleberg Public Library. Mr. Hector Vela was asked if there was money in their budget to which he responded, yes. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #13

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Installation Of Cameras In TxDOT Vehicles

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve the installation of cameras in TxDOT vehicles. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #14

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Tax Office To Purchase Three (3) Currency Counters.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve the purchase of three (3) Currency Counters by the Tax Office. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered. These will be purchased with Tax Office Funds. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #15

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of The Purchase Of Courtroom Technology Equipment For JP Pct. 1, To Be Paid Using The Technology Fund.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approved the purchase of Courtroom Technology Equipment for JP Pct. 1, to be paid using Technology Funds. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #16

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Declaring A John Deere 105 Riding Mower As Salvage From Commissioner Pct. 1.

NO ACTION

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AGENDA ITEM #17

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of The Purchase Of An Updated Portable Radio From Dailey-Wells Communications, In The Amount Of \$3,448.20, For Constable Pct. 1.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Rosse to approve the purchase of an updated portable radio from Dailey-Wells Communications, in the amount of \$3,448.20 for Constable Pct. 1. Justice of the Peace Sonny Gonzalez said there was not money in his budget. Auditor will find money for it. Upon vote, motion carried and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #18

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On The Purchase Of A Large Weapon/Evidence Safe From Tractor Supply, In The Amount Of \$799.00, For Constable Pct. 1.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve the purchase of a large weapon/evidence safe from Tractor Supply, in the amount of \$799.00 for Constable Pct. 1. Upon vote, motion carried and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #19

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Adding Full Coverage Insurance For Five (5) License Plate Reader(s): (VIN# 7332) (VIN# 7332 (VIN# 7639) (VIN# 7029) (VIN# 9116) For The Kleberg County Sheriff's Office.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve adding Full Coverage Insurance for five (5) License Plate Readers: (VIN# 7332) (VIN# 7331) (VIN# 7639) (VIN# 7029) (VIN# 9116) for the Kleberg County Sheriff's Office. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #20

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Payment To Macareno Signs, In The Amount Of \$925.00 For Signage At The Future Site Of Bus Transport Station, To Be Paid From EDA Grant.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve payment to Macareno Signs in the Amount of \$925.00 for signage at the future site of Transport Station, to be paid from EDA Grant. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #21

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Recommendation Of Award For The North County Road 1030 Drainage Improvement Project GLO-MIT Contract No. 22-085-031.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve the Recommendation of Award for the North County Road 1030 drainage improvement project GLO-MIT Contract No. 22-085-031. John Loera with Andurra said this contract was awarded to White Star Services as they were the lowest bidder at \$546,174.26. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

AGENDA ITEM #22

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval To Purchase Fuel Tank Straps, From Hacienda Ford In The Amount Of \$617.02, For Commissioner Pct. 4 Island Truck.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve the purchase of fuel tank straps from Hacienda Ford in the amount of \$617.02 for Commissioner Pct. 4 Island Truck. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #23

Presentation By John Quezada Recognizing Different Wars And Veterans.

It's an honor to be here, you all have great responsibilities within the county. When I mentioned this to Commissioner Martinez that as we grew up we took time to honor our veterans where I came from and lately we have dropped the ball. We need to honor the men and women that stood up and stepped forward to defend our country and our

freedom. How did we come to this point. Each month we come to celebrate the first New Year. But remember the conflict that America has become involved in such as WWI. We should focus on April, in fact, the whole month of April would be appropriate, due to the fact we are losing these veterans daily. Think of the Vietnam Veterans, we are dying at a rate of 3 hundred or so per month, a lot of us that are in our 70's and 80's are going to be gone. I don't know how long I'm going to be here, but yet it is a point to remember these men that live here in Kingsville, Riviera and Ricardo and the surrounding areas, to give them their recognition, not just for a day, a week, but for a month. That we honor them December 7th, the whole month. What took place should be brought out to our students and to our communities, that these men, we fought and died to preserve freedom around the world, that was World War II, Korea was the same way. They never got the recognition. The war started June 25, 1950 and ended in 1953. So the month of June is very important to a lot of veterans who should be recognized, its up to you all to make a proclamation to honor these men. They may not be here physically but Perez Elementary honors a veteran that died. Iraqi War, March 20, 2003 to December 15, 2011, then the Afghanistan War, so as we propose that the county create a proclamation to both men and women in. Kingsville may be a small city but yet it stands out to the people of the community, as these men took the step forward, whether it was right or wrong we just don't judge we just serve without question. We should mention the fact that we have lost out if the 2,700 Americans that served in Vietnam over 300 died daily from what they encountered out there, agent orange or other chemicals that they encountered. So, I'm just bringing it out, it's up to you all, either the City does it or the County does it. It should not be kept under raps as schools no longer teach patriotism, we learned it from our parents, we learned it from our study of history. Gentlemen, I leave it up to you all to show any concerns or interests. I'm sure Commissioner Martinez has it all, when I came to this community in 2000 he was already involved with a lot of functions. And with that I leave it up to you. Thank you. Commissioner Rosse commented that the suggestion was a "great idea". Commissioner Martinez agreed and said the county should take Mr. Quezada's idea. Judge said that when he came back from Afghanistan, he came home to visit and came to a Commissioners Court meeting. At that meeting he gave County Judge Pete DeLaGarza a coin that he was given upon leaving Afghanistan. Judge Madrid said, "I gave a speech, the day before I had flown out from Kandahar, I took an American flag and I flew it out of a Black Hawk chopper, I got into a little bit of trouble for doing that, but's that another story. I brought that flag to Commissioner's Court, I flew that flag over Helmand Province and they dedicated it to Kleberg County and all of its veterans. They have it in a Shadow Box in the War Memorial Building. If you go and visit the War Memorial you will see it and it has Kandahar, Afghanistan, that's the flag I brought back. The name plaque was there but it has gotten lost. Commissioner Martinez said something simple just like you did in Afghanistan. They know you that are the judge here and they know what you served over there, but no one know what you did over there and people need to know that.

Judge shared the fact that Commissioner Martinez does the Quilts of Honor and that is always a blessing for our veterans.

Commissioner Schultz asked Judge Madrid if the Black Hawk was the same one that he had the "Running W" painted on it?

Judge replied it was. We had this little guy we called "MartinEZ, his last name was Martinez, everyone had a nickname. He was our gunner and I had him over there. One day the Chief brought him to me and says, "Commander, we caught him in one of the hootchs, he's giving tattoos out there. I told him, man, it's not sanitary and these and that, but I looked at some of his art work and I said you are pretty talented. So I said do me a favor, I want you to paint a "Running W" on both sides of our Black Hawk chopper. Remember we were a Navy outfit but the chopper belonged to the Army. The Army was not very happy when they saw this bird flying with the "Running W". We called it our horse, we named it Pegasus, our flying horse, we branded it.

Commissioner Rosse asked if this was something that they should give to the Veterans Office, to which Judge said, let's get Orlando Rosas involved and Jerry let's form a committee a veterans committee, with the sole purpose of honoring veterans and

distinguished parts of history like the Vietnam War, invasion of Pearl Harbor and all that needs to be remembered. I agree it's going away and unless we teach it to our children and spread it they will easily forget it. I tell you what Riviera School does a real good job on Veterans Day. Mr. Quezada came back and said, "we need to remember General Cavazos as he is from here and was a Four (4) Star General. Judge stated that the State of the District is going to be recognizing him and his brother.

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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 Commissioner's Court may convene a closed session to discuss any of the above agenda items. Immediately before any closed session, the specific sections of Government Code, Chapter 551 that provide statutory authority will be announced.

Judge: I was in College Station at the Judge's Convention and you are going to get a few calls David, as I met with a few vendors as far as these trucks, the dump trucks. They started asking specific questions and I told them to call this commissioner for the specs and stuff. Commissioner Rosse replied, "you cheat."

I met with the Governor's officer, the Chairman of Staff that oversees the Texas Workforce Commission, his name is Joseph Esparza, he works directly for the Governor. Mr. Esparza came down to here to look at our training center. Then he went down the road out on the highway to look at where the Phase II training center is going to be at. Afterwards he met with Dr. Vela from Texas A&M. They are really, really interested in what we are doing out here. They are really excited about the jobs that are going to be created at the Carbon Capture facility. We have been in discussion with Worley Company, who are now the General Contractor for Oxy. So at a minimum right now we need to have 1800 skilled employees ready to go to work in the fall of 2026 which is a year from now. There are certain certifications, so if you're a welder, an electrician, pipefitter what not then there are certain certifications you need to get that Worley offers, but they are going to use TAMUK as the accrediting body and they want to start pushing classes through our training facility so we are negotiating all of that right now. The first two (2) classes we want to push out as early as September and in discussions, not solidified yet. In discussion we thought it would be a neat idea to team up with TAMUK. We created a scholarship and paid for the tuition for the first two (2) classes. They are coming up with a number of what it would cost to do that and they are focusing on the electrical trade side for the first two (2) classed and then they are going to start the welding program and what not. We are looking at one (1) large community support for it cause Worley, in discussions, they have hinted that if you show us a pattern that the skilled training facility is really coming to permission, then there's funding available that will take over payment of these students and help push these students through there. I'm going to host a fundraiser in partnership with TAMUK. I can't tell you what it's going to be, but it's going to be a big one. I got some key folks involved helping us behind the scenes, that's what we are working on right now. It's going to be pretty grandiose and again pretty exciting cause everything is coming into place we are going to start pushing the students through. I gave Fulcrum marching orders we just broke ground on that Phase II. I said get it built as soon as you can cause we are going to need more training space out there. So with the understanding, that the county will, we don't need to get rich off of you but maintenance and operation, facility fees is what we are looking for. Paying the bills for our facility and you are good to go. It's something the county has never done before, we have never been involved with education and training, first skilled workforce, but I think that's exactly the direction we need to be focused on right now. Put our boys back to work and girls also. We are going to offer a high school level program where they come out certified through Texas A&M and a collegiate side as well. If you want a dual transfer and want to get your Engineering Degree, it all will transfer over completely. More to come on that.

We have a lot of opportunities headed our way right now.

We finally got our environmental for the fire stations, thank God the environmental are here so now we only have a little bit of logistic left that we got to do the land acquisition with Ricardo. We got to do the land contract with the Ricardo Independent School District. We could not do it as the GLO would not let us do that until it passed the environmental and so that's done. We have John Lemons, attorney out of Alice, who is negotiating that contract with them. There is really no negotiating as we already negotiated, they just have to put the formal contract together, so we should be going out on bids for that pretty soon here.

Then we have the Appropriation Grant, the Congressional Appropriation Grant through Congressman's Vicente Gonzalez Office. All the money that was frozen in DC is starting to unfreeze now as they now have all their ducks in a row, so we are looking at a March time frame to get that announcement and that will be that new boat ramp and pier in Riviera. And we are moving all in one time, so we are busy, but we have a good team behind us to working on it.

I got a call from the CEO of the Historical Commission, so we revisited that. Remember we went to Ausitn, we put on a good presentation this last go around for the courthouse. We told them we had major mechanical and HVAC issues, so big that we were forced to close the courthouse multiple times last year, and we just keep putting band-aids on it so, they are recommending we do a complete courthouse restoration. The logistics on our side are 1. We have to get it appraised on what it's gong to cost. They are going to send Komatsu Architect, they are big into courthouses, that is all they do. So they will come over here and give a cost estimate on it. We will work with the Historical Commission to see how much they can pay out of it and what the county would be liable for. I'm working on getting that money from some outfits I won't mention just yet until we get to the nuts and bolts of this but I'm going to be talking to Dr. Cissy Perez and the school board just because I have to start planning this out for when it happens, I'm thinking that the ideal place to move the courthouse while we are getting it restored would be the Memorial School that is no longer in use by them. No official deal has been made yet but I am going to approach them and just put it on their radar. I think that would work out perfect and it would take about a year to restore that courthouse and it needs it, it's over a hundred (100) years old. Those maintenance guys, last year when we were having those troubles those breakers are so barbaric, we were having to leave a maintenance guy in the broiler room so every time it tripped, his job was to just restart it and arching that and the HVAC and that's no way to run a courthouse like that. It was built in 1914 so it's due for some upgrades and for the safety of our community. I have a meeting with Komatsu, actually they are supposed to get ahold of you Frances and talk to you about the meeting. I talked to Tio Kleberg and Mr. Newell, the CEO last week. The ball should start rolling here pretty soon because we have to apply by the end of this year, and then it will take a few months before they put out the awards, we will go back up to Austin and vouch for it again.


Kleberg County Day in Austin is March 5, 2025. Frances said she needed to know who exactly was going as J.M. Lozano's office had requested a count as soon as possible. Commissioner Schultz said he and Commissioner Salinas were going. County Clerk Salvador "Sonny" Barrera will be attending.

With No Further Business At Hand To Be Considered By The Court At This Time, Adjournment Was Had. Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.



Rudy Madrid, County Judge

ATTEST:



Salvador "Sonny" Barrera, III
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Kleberg County, Texas

