Kleberg County Commissioners' Court Minutes



Regular Session On Monday, July 14, 2025, 1:30 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 14th day of July, 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/NP
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 Schultz gave the invocation and Commissioner Martinez led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States and Texas Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

James A. Troia, 1021 Deer Trail, Kingsville, Texas 78363 (361-455-4190), came before the court today to voice his concerns in reference to the Desalination Project. Mr. Troia states more information is needed on this.

Nancy Merritt, 330 Neubaur Point Rd, Riviera, Texas, 78379 (361-522-5722) Ms. Merritt is here in reference to agenda item #17 and states she is against it. Ms. Merritt said she pays over \$10K in taxes every year and pays 7% on every dollar she Collects at her place of business, she does not want anything to diminish the beauty of Baffin Bay.

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

<u>Bills</u>

A.S.A.P. Translations--\$878.00 A C Lawn and Garden--\$419.93 -Animal Medical Clinic--\$950.63 Aransas County--\$10,508.00 Baker & Taylor--\$308.09 Salvador Barrera--\$330.20 Birdwell Computer Services--\$549.99 Birdwell Computer Services--\$3,687.74 Birdwell Computer Services--\$1,845.69 Brite Star Services--\$346.54 Christus Spohn Health System--\$8.796.22 Christus Spohn Health System--\$1,932.34 Christus Spohn Health System--\$433.11 Christus Spohn Health System--\$847.62 CIRA--\$975.48 Coastal Office Solutions Inc--\$367.75

Daily Wells Communication--\$12,579.50 Department of the Treasury--\$1,139,88 Ray Fernandez--\$4,900.00 Galls LLC--\$673.39 Graveleys Construction--\$4,850.00 Interagency Extradition Serv--\$1,202,20 Interagency Extradition Serv--\$576.80 Interagency Extradition Serv--\$864.80 Interagency Extradition Serv--\$509.40 Interagency Extradition Serv--\$761.20 Interagency Extradition Serv--\$450,00 Interagency Extradition Serv--\$1,034.00 Jerry's Heating & Air Conditi--\$3,465,00 Jim Hogg County Sheriff's Dept--\$2,325.00 Kleberg County--\$607.20 Kleberg County--\$809.60 Kleberg County--\$809.60 Kleberg County--\$1,012.00 Knowlink LLC--\$4,000.00 Kofile Technoligies Inc--\$46,441.75 Kone Inc.--\$767.18 Kyocera Document Solutions--\$735.54 Lmenserve, Inc--\$690.00 Mutual Of Omaha--\$7,748.77 McKesson Medical Surgical--\$2,965.27 NDS Leasing--\$682.92 Ronald Pray--\$440.00 Quill Corporation--\$323.16 Quill Corporation-- \$389.88 Quill Corporation -- \$397.30 Ramirez-Salinas Funeral Home--\$1,990.00 Ramos Refrigeration & A C--\$608.0 Reyna Network LLC--\$3,611.1 Rod's Parts & Supplies -- \$647.80 San Antonio Code Blue #2--\$410.00 Thomas Reuters-West--\$607.01 Delma Trevino--\$330.20 Sylvia D Trevino-- \$355.50 US Foodservice Inc.--\$1,901.41 US Foodservice Inc.--\$2,346.68 US Foodservice Inc.-- \$331,95 US Foodservcie Inc.--\$2,648.33 US Foodservice--\$1,800.86 US Foodservice--\$2,628.75 Universal Fire & Safety Inc.--\$530.90

AGENDA ITEM #2

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Budget Line Item Transfers.

Zarsky Acquistion, LLC--\$449.93

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz 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

County Clerk

010-403-430 to 010-403-310--\$655.00 010-403-499 to 010-403-310--\$365.23 010-403-315 to 010-403-343--\$4,823.77

District Attorney's Office

010-476-487 to 010-476-462--\$1500.00 010-476-419 to 010-476-462--\$500.00 010-476-341 to 010-476-462--\$300.00 010-476-486 to 010-476-462--\$500.00 042-476-393 to 042-476-481--\$500.00 042-476-486 to 042-476- 343--\$5000.00 010-450-314 to 010-450-310--\$897.25

EOC

010-639-314 to 010-639-499--\$350.00 010-639-314 to 010-639-497--\$657.00

Fire Dept

010-545-454 tp 010-545-453-\$8,000.00

Human Services

058-636-450 tp 058-636-498--\$800.00

Indigent

015-641-804 to 015-641-808--\$4,000.00

Ins Cood

010-409-411 to 010-409-205--\$15,000.00

Kleberg County Task Force

106-546-373 to 106-546-398--\$12,289.50 253-549-427 to 253-549-573--\$535.50

Kleberg Public Library

010-650-427 to 010-650-332--\$284.42 010-650-481 to 010-650-332--\$271.00

Maintenance

010-510-544 to 010-510-450--\$4,000.00

Non-Dept

010-409-412 to 010-409-486--\$2,000.00 010-409-412 to 010-409-486--\$3,000.00 010-409-400 to 010-409-486--\$5,000.00 010-409-411 to 010-409-486--\$7,000.00 010-409-202 to 010-409-486--\$1,818.11

Ramp

072-622-453 to 072-622-450--\$11,020.98

Road & Bridge Pct. 3

025-623-454 to 025-623-457--\$1,000.00 025-623-550 to 025-623-457--\$1,000.00 025-623-450 to 025-623-457--\$1,000.00 025-623-443 to 025-623-457--\$1,000.00 025-623-397 to 025-623-554--\$800.00 025-623-497 to 025-623-554--\$1,500.00

Sheriff

010-560-462 to 010-560-343--\$6,756.77 010-560-497 tp 010-560-343--\$228.77 010-560-453 to 010-560-343--\$586.25 010-560-453 to 010-560-343--\$586.25 010-560-310 to 010-560-343--\$230.86 010-560-310 to 010-560-314--\$74.39 010-560-330 to 010-560-458--\$690.00 010-560-341 to 010-560-343--\$1,117.21 010-560-343 to 010-560-343--\$625.31 010-560-348 to 010-560-343--\$790.88 010-560-397 to 010-560-343--\$864.63

010-560-422 to 010-560-343--\$1,446.06 010-560-310 to 010-560-454--\$352.34 010-560-354 to 010-560-454--\$2,107.54 010-560-359 to 010-560-423--\$2,494.00 010-560-398 to 010-560-458--\$2,000.00

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 Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve the budget amendments as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered. If needed monies can be used from reserves. Commissioner Rosse did question the amount of \$200,000.00 by Veronica Hare and the Sheriff's Amendments for a total of \$128,455.00.

Budget Amendments

Abandoned Vehicles

055-360-055--\$0.17

<u>C.J.D.</u>

054-360-054--\$0.53

CSCD Personal Bond Unit

020-360-020-- \$1,474.17

Chap 59 Forfeitures-Sheriff's

034-369-146--\$2,000.00

Constable #2 Forfeiture

033-360-033--\$0.28

Constable #4 Forfeiture

044-360-044-- \$5,610.33

County Attorney's Hot Checks

047-340-600--\$9.86

County Clerks-Elections

037-362-100--\$22,600.50 037-36-200--\$5,227.20

County Clerk

038-403-343--\$1.800.00

District Attorney's Forfeitures

042-360-042--\$3,494.04 042-360-476--\$3.66 042-360-580--\$2.90 042-360-582--\$407.99 042-361-042--\$6,243.99

District Attorney's Hot Checks

040-361-040--\$499.66

<u>District Clerk Records Mgnt & Presenation</u>

029-340-704--\$283.20 029-340-707--\$9,628.50 029-340-750--\$210.00 029-360-029--\$604.14

Elections

_037-403-343--\$2,845.38

Fund 119-

119-411-497--\$1,745.29

General Fund

010-333-552--\$1,417.71 010-333-553--\$1,462.21 010-333-560--\$9,644.90 010-340-495--\$488.00 010-340-702--\$34.00 010-340-940--\$95.40 010-340-987--\$60.00 010-341-400--\$50.20 010-341-475--\$18.00 010-342-551--\$6,346.51 010-349-204--\$5,000.00 010-349-997--\$1,160.89 010-350-650--\$208.05 010-361-662--\$11.262.61 010-363-660--\$17,850.00 010-367-100--\$20,250.00 010-368-512--\$29,400.00 010-369-123--\$10,000.00 010-380-513--\$12,223.01 010-390-177--\$145.96

Houston HIDTA Grant-Sheriff's

039-330-200--\$3,525.74

Human Services—CEAP

053-330-650--\$20,000.00 053-652-440--\$20,000.00

Human Services

052-333-635--\$1,957.97 128-700-058--\$8,726.67 058-637-454--\$8,76.67 058-330-563--\$124,394.00 058-636-103--\$27,856.00 058-636-151--\$15,876.00 058-636-185--\$6,919.00 058-636-201--\$5,114.00 058-636-202--\$17,147.00 058-636-203--\$10,590.00 058-636-225--\$1,462.00 058-636-310--\$2,000.00 058-636-332--\$3,000.00 058-636-341-- \$500.00 058-636-420--\$3,000.00 058-636-423--\$2,000.00 058-636-426--\$3,000.00 058-636-427--\$5,000.00 058-636-431--\$1,000.00 058-636-440--\$2,000.00 058-636-442--\$2,000.00 058-636-497--\$15,930.00 058-330-563--\$135,407.00 058-637-120--\$30,847.00 058-637-162--\$9,271.00

058-637-185--\$60,862.00 058-637-201--\$15,292.00 058-637-202--\$3,493.00 058-637-203--\$15,642.00 059-643-497--\$500.00 059-390-128--\$3,970.00 059-643-180--\$3,970.00

Ins Cood

010-409-482--\$250,000.00

JP #2

032-452-499--\$549.99

JP's Tech Fund

032-340-451--\$349.96 032-340-452--\$142.00 032-340-453--\$820.00 032-340-454--\$12.00 032-360-032--\$700.09

JAG Grant

013-360-013--\$0.60

<u>Jail - 512</u>

010-512-391--\$5,992.92 010-512-418--\$1,439.00 010-512-322--\$57.50 010-512-453--\$975.00 010-512-343--\$6,237.00 010-512-350--\$1,345.66 010-512-497--\$36.49 010-512-326--\$1,083.60 010-512-341--\$508.83 010-512-450--\$454.45 010-512-426--\$923.00 010-512-422--\$500.95 010-512-462--\$611.09 010-512-195--\$20,982.45 010-512-450--\$825.00 010-512-405--\$125.00 010-512-486--\$8,000.00 010-512-428--\$18,081.00 010-512-39--\$6,174.10 010-512-498--\$251.99 010-512-310--\$83.05

<u>Juvenile</u>

012-351-012--\$860.00 012-360-012--\$0.22

Juvenile Probation

017-570-424--\$320.00 017-333-576--\$60.00 017-336-570--\$6,404.33 021-344-578--\$750.00 017-570-490--\$42,959.09

Road & Bridge Maintenance

025-350-451--\$26,500.85

Sheriff's Ofc. Body Worn Cameras Grant

220-560-499--\$52,184.52

Sheriff's Dept.

010-560-575--\$38,016.83 010-560-195--\$10,198.09 010-560-454--\$4,596.75 010-560-354--\$575.41 010-560-358--\$548.69 010-560-486--\$1,934.50 010-560-405--\$125.00 010-560-435--\$226.00 010-560-348--\$696.69 010-560-310--\$191.59 010-560-341--\$6.96

US Marshall's Interest

045-361-045--\$150.17

AGENDA ITEM #4

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Monthly Reports.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve adopting the order receiving these reports and filing them as part of public record. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

Kleberg County Tax Assessor-Collectors Office Monthly Report-June 2025

Kleberg County District Clerk's Court Cost Monthly Report- June 2025

Kleberg County District Clerk's Fee Account Monthly Report-June 2025

Kleberg County County Clerk's Amended Monthly Report-March 2025

Kleberg County PCT #3 Monthly Report-May 2025

Kleberg County PCT #4 Monthly Report-June 2025

Kleberg County Seawind Monthly Report-May 2025

Kleberg County Seawind Monthly Report-June 2025

Kleberg County Airport Monthly Report-June 2025

Kleberg County Agrilife Extension Monthly Report-June 2025

Kleberg County Deepwater Horizon Monthly Report-July 2025

AGENDA ITEM #5

Jessica Brown

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 Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Schultz to accept the change of status on new and former employees. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hi</u>	<u>ire Date</u>	<u>Job Title</u>
Ariel L. Arriaga Jessica Brown Francisco Davila Nathan J Garcia Rudy Gonzalez Kaitlyn N Hanna Beckie I Ohm Jose A Ruiz	06 06 06 06 06 06	/04/2025 /16/2025 6/22/2025 6/17/2025 6/02/2025 6/03/2025 6/23/2025	U/A Lab Technician Meal Driver Deputy Patrol Maintenance Driver (CDL) Telecommunications Detention Officer Dispatch
Arnoldo Saucedo Jr		6/30/2025	Detention Officer
<u>Name</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Term Date</u>

06/16/2025

Meal Driver

06/18/2025

DeAnna Esquivel	Admin Assistant	06/27/2013	06/07/2025
Richard Perez	Driver	0725/2022	06/17/2025
Leandra M Revilla	Data Clerk	07/08/2024	06/20/2025 .
Cynthia Silva	Asst Auditor	02/22/2022	06/20/2025
Alfredo Telles Jr	Maintenance	08/15/2022	06/06/2025

AGENDA ITEM #6

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of The Rules Of Procedure, Conduct And Decorum At Meetings Of The County Commissioners Court.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve this agenda item. Frances Garcia, Chief o Staff, said that per Jim Allison from TAC that beginning on September 1, 2025 the agenda for Commissioner's Court will need to be posted three (3) days before the meeting. All agenda items need to be received on Monday by 5 P.M.. Kira Talip-Sanchez, County Attorney, added that all contracts need to be brought in two (2) weeks before being placed on the agenda so she and Melissa Green, Auditor, can review them. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #7

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Community Loan Center Of The Rio Grande Valley.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve Community Loan Center of the Rio Grande Valley to assist Kleberg County employee in their time of need. Rose Jaramillo with CLC said they are a non-profit organization. They offer their clients mortgage assistance to buy and build homes. They offer loans from one hundred (\$100.00) to one thousand (\$1000.00) dollars. Ms. Jaramillo has spoken to Priscilla Cantu, Treasurer, and was told by her that a line item could be created to use as a payroll deduct for this. Ms. Jaramillo will come in and speak to employees during the open enrollment period. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #8

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Creating A Position And The Necessary Line Items, For The Kleberg County Sheriff's Office, With The Funding To Come From The Operation Lone Star FY 2025 Grant.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve creating a position and the necessary line items, for the Kleberg County Sheriff's office, with the funding to come from the Operation Lone Star FY 2025 Grant. Upon vote, item passed 4 to 1 as Commissioner Rosse voted against it stating this should wait and be decided during budget workshop.

AGENDA ITEM #9

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of A Facebook Design Contract, Between Kleberg County Human Services And Miranda De La Paz.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve of a Facebook Design Contract, between Kleberg County Human Services and Miranda De La Paz. David Garcia, Human Services Director, has a contract with Ms. De La Paz to submit payment anytime she does work on the Web page. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

AGENDA ITEM #10

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Acceptance Of A Check, In The Amount Of \$500.00, From Running W. Ltd, For Kleberg County Fire & Rescue.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve accepting a check, in the amount of \$500.00 from Running W. Ltd. For Kleberg County Fire and Rescue. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #11

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Acceptance Of A Check, In The Amount Of \$250.00, From Jack Oliver, For Kleberg County Fire & Rescue.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve accepting a check, in the amount of \$250.00, from Jack Oliver, for Kleberg County Fire and Rescue. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #12

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Request From The Dream Come True Foundation For Sponsorship Of The Flavors of South Texas.

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AGENDA ITEM #13

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of A Donation, In The Amount Of \$5,000.00, For The Boys and Girls Club Of Kingsville, From The Kleberg County Attorney's Task Force Asset Forfeiture Fund, For Their Project Learn Program.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve a donation, in the amount of \$5,000.00, for the Boys and Girls Club of Kingsville, from the Kleberg County Attorney's Task Force Asset Forfeiture Fund, for their Project Learn Program. Upon vote, motions carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #14

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Payment, In The Amount Of \$108,940.63, To Kocurek Land Improvement, Inc., For Work At The Kleberg County Bus Transfer Station, With The Money To Come From The EDA Award #ED24US0G0245.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approved payment in the amount of \$108,940.63, to Kocurek Land Improvement, Inc., for work at the Kleberg County Bus Transfer Station, with the money to come from the EDA Award #ED24US0G0245. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

AGENDA ITEM #15

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval of Payment, In The Amount Of \$19,825.00, To Silver Star Construction, For Work At The Kleberg County Airport.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve payment, in the amount of \$19,825.00, to Silver Star Construction, for work at the Kieberg County Airport. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

AGENDA ITEM #16

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Kleberg County Pipeline / Road Crossing Permit With Bay Runner Pipeline LLC.

Commissioner Rosse suggested item be tabled until next week so it will give him time to review it. He would like to see how much the county was paid in 2017. Contract shows it will bring in a lot less money and we don't want to go backwards.

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AGENDA ITEM #17

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Concerns Regarding STWA And Seven Seas Water Group

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Judge Madrid and seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve STWA create a board that will be reguired to give monthly updates for the next two (2) years of the water well testing phase. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously, and so ordered. Wells will be tested for two (2) years to make sure water is safe to drink.

Judge Madrid states the 40 year old contract with the City of Corpus Christi is going to expire soon. Corpus is in a stage 3 water restrictions and due to this they can shut off water to Kleberg County at any time. I heard of the desalination project and contacted Seven Seas to get more information on this as they have their own specific approach. By contacting them in does not mean Kleberg County has a contract with them. Seven Seas has a bigger capacity well that can be put in place if needed. Kleberg County represents the citizens of this county and will continue to keep its citizens informed in regards to this project.

Jose Graveley, President of STWA states he has been hearing a lot of misinformation on this topic and the main goal of STWA is to protect Baffin Bay, not thrash it. Mr. Graveley guarantees no waste water will go into Baffin Bay.

John Marez, also with STWA, states they have a website and e-mail address to allow them to conduct every study needed. STWA is seeking a second (2nd) water source, to keep price down, and drought resiliency. STWA is a non-profit entity. E-mail address is STWA org.

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.

- Conduct Any Other Business Necessary For The Proper Functioning Of County Business
 - Judge asked County Attorney to write a letter to the City of Kingsville as they have not paid for the housing of City inmates since January.
 - Fourth of July Celebration was a huge success and hope to make it bigger and better next year.
 - Budget Workshops begin this coming Wednesday and Thursday.
 - Damage to the Ricardo Senior Center.

With No Further Business At Hand To Be Considered By The Court At This Time, Adjournment Was Had. Adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

Rudy Madrid, County Judge

ATTEST:

Salvador "Sonny" Barrera, III

County Clerk

Kleberg County, Texas