Kleberg County Commissioners' Court Minutes



Regular Session On Monday, August 12, 2024 @ 1:30 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 12th day of August, 2024 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 (NP)
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(NP)

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
Anna Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

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

PUBLIC COMMENNT

NONE

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 Salinas and seconded by Commission Martinez approving to pay the bills as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

<u>Bills</u>

A C Lawn And Garden--\$326.25 A.S.A.P. Translations-\$724.00 Birdwell Computer Services -- \$2,859.98 Brite Star Services LTD--\$391.71 Charm-Tex--\$364.50 Coastal Office Solutions Inc.--\$335.17 Economy Printing LLC--\$570.00 FS Facility Services--\$345.00 Galls LLC--\$777.71 Hub City Overhead Door Co .-- \$1,115.00 Industrial Fence Group--\$345.00 Jar Glass Mirror & Shower--\$2,998.00 Laura Barrera--\$521.40 Lowe's--\$532.22 Phyllishia Lopez--\$772.02 Quill Corporation--\$398.98 Quill Corporation--\$1,446.40 Quill Corporaton--\$587.05 Quill Corporation--\$971.15 Ramos Refrigeration--\$306.00 Ramos Refrigeration--\$1,711.44 Ray Fernandez MDPU--\$7000.00 Roxann Pais Cotroneo--\$3,115.00 Texas Burner And Boiler Svcs--\$4,626.00 United States Prisoner Trans--\$626.50 US Foodservice Inc.--\$2,021.10 US Foodservice Inc.--\$1,941.28 US Foodservice Inc.--\$1,700.54 US Foodservice Inc.--\$1,921.72

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

Budget Line-Item Transfers

Auditor's Office

010-495-202 to 010-495-195--\$5,000.00

Constable Pct. 2

010-552-359 to 010-552-499--\$1,350.00

District Attorney Office

042-476-497 to 042-476-330--\$500.00 042-476-497 to 042-476-427--\$3,500.00

<u>Human Services</u> 059-643-333 to 059-643-354—\$1,000.00

Juvenile Probation

017-570-202 to 017-570-105--\$1,860.00 017-570-202 to 017-570-405--\$700.00

Kleberg County Attorney

055-549-575 to 855-549-499--\$10,672.00

Kleberg Public Library

010-650-439 to 010-650-499--\$2,000.00 010-650-330 to 010-650-499--\$123.96

Non-Dept.

010-409-412 to 010-409-459--\$3,000.00

Parks Dept.

010-660-170 to 010-660-103--\$5,650.00

Sheriff's 560

010-560-423 to 010-560-454--\$507.43 010-560-422 to 010-560-458--\$690.00 010-560-359 to 010-560-454--\$2.699.9

+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 Martinez to approve the budget amendments as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered. Monies coming from Reserve Fund.

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Prepared By: Janie Espindola

Budget Amendments

CDBG-MT-24-065-E528 VFD Stations

131-616-403--\$152,307.00

Human Services

059-330-502--\$1,000.00 059-643-497--\$1,000.00

<u>Jail</u>

010-512-422--\$609.67 010-512-343--\$1,458.00 010-512-350--\$103.69 010-*512-462--\$1,261.93 010-512-405--\$125.00 010-512-499--\$112.50 010-512-450--\$1,288.44 010-512-195--\$20,000.00

Transfers

010-700-012 to 012--\$164,856.24 010-700-015 to 015--\$30,000.00 010-700-059 to 59--\$108,206.00 010-700-072 to 072--\$25,525.50 010-700-148 to 148 --\$57,557.96

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 to adopt the Order receiving these monthly reports as presented and filing them as part of public record. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered. County Auditor, Melissa Green stated that since March 2024.

Monthly Reports

Kleberg County Auditor-Monthly Report-July 2024
Kleberg County Treasurer's Office-Monthly Report May 2024
Kleberg County Treasurer's Office-Monthly Report June 2024
Kleberg County Sheriff's Office-Monthly Report July 2024
Kleberg County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office -Monthly Report-July 2024
Kleberg County District Clerk Fee Account-Monthly Report-July 2024
Kleberg County Clerk Court Misdemeanor-Monthly Report-July 2024
Kleberg County Clerk Court-Staturory-Monthly Report-June 2024
Kleberg County Clerk Court-Staturory-Monthly Report-June 2024
Kleberg County District Court AG-Monthly Report-June 2024
Kleberg County Pct. #2-Monthly Report-July-2024
Kleberg County Pct. #3-Monthly Report-June-2024
Kleberg County Pct. #3-Monthly Report-July 2024
Kleberg County Seawind-Monthly Report-July 2024
Kleberg County Airport-Monthly Report-July 2024
Extension Office-Monthly Report-June 2024
Allegiance Mobile Health Office-Monthly Report-July 2024
Deepwater Horizon-Monthly Report-July 2024

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	Hire Date
Caballero, Michelle Childers, Jason W Garcia, Severo Ortega, Cynthia M Palmer, Leandra M Revilla	Detention Officer Investigator Detention Officer Admin Secretary Data Clerk	07/08/2024 07/22/2024 07/08/2024 07/15/2024 07/08/2024
<u>Name</u>	Job Title	<u>Term Date</u>
Caldera, David Gray, Michael Guzman, Aracely V Sanchez, Osiris A	Driver Regular Part Time Dispatcher Meal Driver	07/19/2024 07/07/2024 07/19/2024 07/19/2024

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

GENDA ITEM #6

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of A Plan Of Finance To Issue Tax Notes.

TABLED, NO ACTION TAKEN

AGENDA ITEM #7

In The Matter of Discussing And Acting On Approval To Pay Fulcrum Consulting Services, In The Amount Of \$29,000.00, For Professional Services Related To The Regional Public Safety Training Facility And Emergency Operation Center.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approving payment to Fulcrum Consulting Services in the amount of \$29,000.00 for profession services related to the Regional Public Safety Training Facility and Emergency Operation Center. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered

AGENDA ITEM #8

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval To Pay Fulcrum Consulting Services, In The Amount Of \$25,000.00 For Professional Services Related To 2023 EDA Project Industrial And Transit Station.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving payment to Fulcrum Consulting Services in the amount of \$25,000.00 for professional services related to 2023 EDA Project Industrial and Transit Station. Monies to come from reserves and will get reimbursement later. Upon vote, motion was carried unanimously and so ordered.

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In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On The Purchase of 22 Security Cameras And 1 NVR, In The Amount Of \$29,310.00, For The Kleberg County Courthouse Security Enhancement.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to table this matter for 2-3 weeks to see if there would be enough money in the budget to afford this request. Upon vote, motion was carried unanimously and so ordered.

AGENDA ITEM #10

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approving Request To Waive The Fee At The JK Northway VIP Room, For The Santa Gertrudis Football Team Dinner(s).

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez approving the request to waive the fee at the JK Northway VIP Room for the Santa Gertrudis Football Team Dinner(s). Team will clean up the area before they leave. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously and so ordered.

AGENDA ITEM #11

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of A Donation, In The Amount Of \$5,000.00 To The Dream Come True Foundation – South Texas, With The Money To Come ARPA Funds.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 to The Dream Come True Foundation – South Texas. Money is from ARPA Fund. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously and so ordered.

AGENDA ITEM #12

In The Matter Of Discussing Acting On Approval To Pay Edge Endeavors, In The Amount Of \$4,526.89 For Work Done At Weight Station.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving payment to Edge Endeavors in the amount of \$4,526.89 for work done at the Weight Station. Melissa Green, Kleberg County Auditor suggested people get approval of projects that need to be done before any work is done. Money is to come from Reserve Fund. Upon vote, the motion was carried unanimously and so ordered

AGENDA ITEM #13

In The Matter Of Discussing And Approving Order Of Election For November General Election For County Officers.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approving Order of Election for November General Election for County Officers. Upon vote the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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As not all participants were present, commissioners decided to move to Agenda Item #18 and discuss all other agenda Items and return to Agenda Items 14, 15, 16, and 17 at the end of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #14

In The Matter of Discussing And Acting On Medical Insurance For 2024-2025

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez after listening to a presentation by Denise Villagran and Phil Esquivel to renew the Medical Insurance coverage that is offered to Kleberg County employees for 2024-2025. Monthly premium rates will remain the same. Co-pays will stay the same. Employees will be asked to apply with the Texas A&M medical assistance program for prescriptions that they cannot afford due to their cost. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, and so ordered.

AGENDA ITEM #15

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Dental Insurance For 2024-2025.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Schultz to accept the Dental Insurance as it has been, all rates and coverage will remain the same. Upon vote the motion was carried unanimously and so ordered.

AGENDA ITEM #16

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting Vision Insurance For 2024-2025.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to accept the Vision Insurance as it has been, all rates and coverage will remain the same. Upon vote the motion was carried unanimously and so ordered.

AGENDA ITEM #17

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Open Enrollment Dates For 2024-2025.

The above matter coming on for consideration, this motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez. Veronica Hare, Insurance Co-ordinator and an associate with the Office of Insurance Agent, Phil Esquivel will be meeting with employees on August 20, 21 and 22 at the courthouse annex on these dates. On August 22, 2024 they will meet personnel from the Sheriff's Department. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

AGENDA ITEM #18

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Purchase Of 25 Tasers For 5 Years With An Annual Cost Of \$30,873.00 Totaling \$154,365.00 To The New Fiscal Year Sheriff's Budget.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to table this and not take any action at this time.

ITEM TABLED

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Purchase Of 25 Body Worn Cameras For 5 Years With An Annual Cost Of \$28,886.30 Totaling \$144,431.50 To The New Fiscal Year Sheriff's Budget.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to table this and not take any action at this time.

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AGENDA ITEM #20

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approving Amendment #3 For CEAP Contract #58240004028 For Kleberg County Human Service.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Rosse. David Garcia, Human Services Director states his department has received extra funding from this grant. Mr. Garcia at this time is cancelling his request. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

AGENDA ITEM #21

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Changing The Kleberg County Attorney Task Force Vacation Carryover From 40 Hours To 120 Hours At The End Of Each Fiscal Year.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Martinez not to approve changing the Kleberg County Attorney Task Force vacation carryover from 40 to 120 hours at the end of the fiscal year. Commissioner Rosse feels this is an unfair request as it is just for for law enforcement. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

AGENDA ITEM #22

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Amending The County Policy To Reflect 120 Vacation Carryover Hours For The Kleberg County Task Force At The End Of Each Fiscal Year.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas, not to approve amending the county policy to reflect 120 vacation carryover hour for the Kleberg County Task Force at the end of each fiscal year. Commissioners felt that this is unfair request as this is for law enforcement only and does not involve all Kleberg County employees. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

AGENDA ITEM #23

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Increasing Starting Pay From \$10 To \$12 Hour Within Budget In Extension Office To Hire Experienced Personnel (Office Manger/Secretary).

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to not take action on this at this time as they are still working budget. At this time Commissioners are working on a budget for the next fiscal year which begins October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval To Pay T.J. Electric, In The Amount Of \$26,487.15 For Work Done At The Kleberg County Kaufer Pier.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approving payment to T.J. Electric, in the amount of \$26,487.15 for the work done at the Kleberg County Kaufer Pier. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

Commissioners to be discussing Agenda Items 14, 15, 16, and 17 at this time.

• 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.

With No Further Business At Hand To Be Considered By The Court At This Time, Adjournment Was Had.

Rudy Madrid, County Judge

ATTEST:

Salvador "Sonny" Barrera, III

County Clerk

Kleberg County, Texas