

Kleberg County Commissioners' Court Minutes



Regular Session On Monday, February 26, 2024 @ 1:30 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 26th day of February, 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
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)
Mari Reyes, Deputy Clerk
Delma Trevino, Chief Deputy Clerk

COURT WAS OPENED and called to order by Judge Madrid to consider the following agenda items, Commissioner Martinez 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:

Curtis Dawson- 454 Dawson Road- addressed to the court Vested Network came to commissioners' court and mentioned Mr. Dawson had partnered. Dawson clarified what was said is incorrect and has nothing to do with the company.

- Does not recommend working with them.

Jose M. Gravely- 343 W. County Road 2170, Kingsville, Texas 78363

- Owner of Gravely's Construction spoke in front of Commissioners' Court expressing his concerns when submitting his invoices to the County Auditor's office.
- Gravely also expressed he is having to pay late and interest fees and asking how can he can resolve the matter.
- Gravely states that he has gone to the County Auditor's office to turn invoices in and staff states there is no money in the budget to pay him and has tried contacting county offices with no response.

Judge Madrid will set a meeting with outside attorney to check fundings to have this matter resolved.

Commissioner Rosse state law allows county to pay within 30-day period to avoid late fees.

Judge Madrid reach out to District Judge and to Santos McBain to show dashboard and get with TAC to have a contract written up for Kleberg County contractor's invoices to be paid from 30 days to 10 days or pay the interest.

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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 Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve the budget amendments as presented. Budget Amendments for the following: Graveley's Construction General Fund to be reimbursed from GOMESA Fund, Sidewalks project to come from ARPA Funds. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

Budget Amendments

Sheriff 560

010-560-139--\$31,500.00

Human Services

028-642-333--\$1,363.76

Kleberg Co. Atty. Task Force

106-355-100--\$104,651.72

Human Services-CEAP

053-652-440--\$9,558.03

Kleberg Co. Task Force

106-546-310--\$5,000.00

106-546-330--\$10,000.00

106-546-341--\$5,000.00

106-546-343--\$5,000.00

106-546-349--\$5,000.00

106-546-354--\$5,000.00

106-546-358--\$5,000.00

106-546-397--\$5,000.00

Kleberg Co. Task Force

106-546-398--\$4,651.72

106-546-426--\$10,000.00

106-546-427--\$5,000.00

106-546-435--\$5,000.00

106-546-439--\$5,000.00

106-546-440--\$5,000.00

106-546-442--\$5,000.00

106-546-450--\$5,000.00

Kleberg Co. Task Force

106-546-493--\$5,000.00

106-546-497--\$5,000.00

106-546-498--\$5,000.00

County Attorney

010-478-497--\$350.00

Human Services CEAP

053-367-055--\$10,000.00

053-633-449--\$10,000.00

GOMESA

079-660-559--\$55,425.84

ARPA

091-571-497--\$2,700.00

LATC

061-500-347--\$11,598.98

061-500-397--\$570.60

061-500-497--\$8,344.41

061-500-556--\$39,952.68

EDA Grant

173-516-548--\$380,000

Ricardo/Riviera Sidewalk Project

099-500-470--\$7,415.00

100-501-470--\$9,134.00

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 Rosse approving to pay the bills as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

Bills

Bibliotheca, LLC--\$4,681.00
Rodriguez & Sons Plumbing Co.--\$1,193.90
Charm-Tex--\$319.20
USFAT LLC--\$950.00
US FOODSERVICE Inc.--\$2,543.04
Raul Hernandez & Company P.C.--\$9,500.00
Surefire, LLC--\$621.40
PEECO--\$11,357.75
Quill Corporation--\$477.93
Jerry's Heating & Air Conditioning--\$4,705.00
Companion Life Ins. Co.--\$1,318.67
Mutual of Ohama--\$7,269.19
Ramirez-Salinas Funeral Home--\$995.00
Rod's Parts & Supplies Inc.--\$314.64
F&D Floor Covering Janitorial--\$545.00
GALLS, LLC--\$305.93
Ponderosa HVAC & Construction--\$750.00
Washing Equipment of Texas--\$512.16
Santos McBain Mgmt.--\$3,000.00
GALLS, LLC--\$878.80
Ramos Refrigeration & AC--\$730.00 (VOIDED AS PER CO. AUDITOR)
Quality Care Medical of Kingsville--\$500.00
US Foodservice Inc.--\$1,984.26
SymbolArts LLC--\$372.50
LumenServe Inc.--\$1,914.20
F&D Floor Covering Janitorial--\$526.52
Frank Escobedo--\$338.29
Silver Star Construction--\$384,750.00 (EDA Grant)

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

Road & Bridge Pct 3
025-623-554 to 025-623-450--\$2,000.00 (Void as per County Auditor)

Kleberg Co. Atty. Task Force
106-546-499 to 106-546-393--\$8,000.00

Sea wind
010-661-486 to 010-661-449--\$4,000.00

J.K. Northway
010-636-350 to 010-636-332--\$600.00
010-636-497 to 010-636-332--\$500.00

Weight Station
010-628-497 to 010-628-486--\$2,000.00
010-628-450 to 010-628-486--\$1,000.00

Kleberg Co. Task Force
108-548-330 to 108-548-195--\$15,000.00

Juvenile Probation
012-571-491 to 0112-571-492--4,377.00

Kleberg Co. Atty. Task Force
106-546-354 to 106-546-393--\$5,000.00
106-546-427 to 106-546-393--\$5,000.00

Sheriff- Lone Star
252-560-157-- \$38,480.00
252-560-201--\$2,943.72
252-560-202--\$12,770.28
252-560-203--\$4,151.99
252-560-204--\$727.27
252-560-206--\$123.13

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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 Martinez 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 District Clerk's Court Cost Monthly Collection Report-January 2024
Kleberg County District Clerk's Child Support Court Cost Monthly Collection Report-January 2024
Kleberg County Clerk-Statutory Report-January 2024
Kleberg County Clerk Court Fees-Monthly Report-September 2023
Kleberg County Clerk Court Fees-Monthly Report-Amended September 2023
Kleberg County Clerk Court Fees-Monthly Report-October 2023
Kleberg County Justice of the Peace PCT#2-Monthly Report-January 2024
Kleberg County Justice of the Peace PCT#3-Monthly Report-January 2024
Kleberg County Extension Office Report-January 2024
Kleberg County Sea wind Monthly Report-January 2024

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AGENDA ITEM #5

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

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Receiving RFP for the 2024 Colonia Fund-Construction Services of the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.

The above matter coming on for consideration. Frances Garcia had placed a request for bids in newspaper and one bid was received. Grantworks advised that we were not eligible to apply for funding at this time. Commissioner Rosse made motion to reject this item at this time and Commissioner Salinas seconded. Motion carried unanimously and so ordered. We should be eligible for funding later this year.

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AGENDA ITEM #6

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting APG&E Electric Bills.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas authorizing County Attorney to review contract and have Big Fish be brought back on next meeting. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #7

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approving Of Resolution Authorizing Kleberg County To Apply For A Rural Business Development Grant ((RBDG) From The United States Department Of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA), In The Amount Of \$350,000.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Shultz approving a resolution authorizing Kleberg County to apply for a Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) from the United States Department of Agriculture Development (USDA), in the amount of \$350,000. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #8

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval For Jacee Hinojosa, Clarissa Garza, Serena Falcon, And Vanessa Elizondo To Become Notaries For The Kleberg County Sheriff's Department.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Schulz approving for Jacee Hinojosa, Clarissa Garza, Serena Falcon, and Vanessa Elizondo to become notaries for the Kleberg County Sheriff's department. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #9

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In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval To Pay Vacation Buy Back, For The Kleberg County Sheriff's Department, And To Correct The Wording On The Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The above matter coming on for consideration, was. TABLED, will bring back on next Commissioners' Court meeting.

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AGENDA ITEM #10

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval For The Robert J. Kleberg Library, To Close To The Public From March 4 – April 1, 2024 In Order To Move Furniture And Shelves To Create The Family Place, Using Grant Money From 1pointfive.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Martinez approving the Robert J. Kleberg Library to close to the public from March 4 – April 1, 2024 in order to move furniture and shelves to create the Family Place, using grant money from 1PointFive. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #11

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval to Create 062-650-498 (Small Office Furniture) And 062-650-393 (Books) in the Public Library Budget For The Barbara Bush Grant.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving to create 062-650-498 (Small Office Furniture) and 062-650-393 (Books) in the Public Library Budget for the Barbara Bush Grant. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #12

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Allowing the Kleberg County Attorney's Office Full Access to the Courthouse Grounds On March 17, 2024 From 1:00 P.M. For The 7th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza, To Teach The Community The Importance Of Not Being a Bystander.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas allowing Kleberg County Attorney's Office full access to the Courthouse grounds on March 17, 2024 from 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. for the 7th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza to teach the community the importance of not being a bystander. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #13

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval To Re-Appoint Frances Garcia and Arturo Rodriguez To The South Texas Water Authority Board of Directors.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving to re-appoint Frances Garcia and Arturo Rodriguez to the South Texas Water Authority Board of Directors. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #14

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval To Pay For Hotel Rooms For Fire Department Training. For The Weekends Of March 2, 2024 And March 9, 2024. Total Amount \$976. 28.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez approving to pay for hotel rooms for fire department training, for the weekends of March 2, 2024 and March 9, 2024. Total amount \$967.28. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #15

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of A Donation To Kingsville Lions Club, In the Amount of \$1,000.00, Benefiting Texas Lions Club For Special Needs Children.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving a donation to Kingsville Lions Club, in the amount of \$1,000.00, benefiting Texas Lions Camp for special needs children. Monies are to come from ARPA Funds. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #16

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval To Pay Silver Star Construction, In The Amount OF \$384,750.00, For Work At The JK Regional Training 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 Rosse approving to pay Silver Star Construction, in the amount of \$384,750.00, for work at the JK Regional Training Center, included in the motion invoice are to be paid within 14 days with monies to come from EDA Grant. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #17

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Payment To Gravely's Construction, In the Amount Of \$55,425.84, Previously Approved On January 22, 2024, To Be Paid from GOMESA Grant.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving payment to Gravely's Construction, in the amount of \$55,425.84, previously approved on January 22, 2024, to be paid from GOMESA Grant. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #18

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of A MOU Between Kleberg County Attorney's Specialized Task Force And Kleberg County Commissioner Pct. 3 For Use Of A 2007 Ford F-150 (VIN#1023).

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Martinez approving a MOU between Kleberg County Attorney's Specialized Task Force and Kleberg County Commissioner Pct. 3 for use of a 2007 Ford F-150 (VIN#1023). Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #19

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval For David Garcia To Attend The TTA Conference And Expo On March 17-20, 2024 In San Antonio, To Be Paid From TxDOT Grant Funds.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Martinez approving for David Garcia to attend the TTA Conference and Expo on March 17-20, 2024 in San Antonio, to be paid from TxDOT Grant funds. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #20

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval For Kleberg County Human Services To Using WexBank Financing for Human Services Vehicles Through Murphy Gas Stations.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving for Kleberg County Human Services to use WexBank Financing for Human Services Vehicles through Murphy's gas stations. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #21

Presentation From Christopher Brandt From The Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group.

Christopher Brandt - Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group

- Presented a program that helps the community, elderlies, disabled veterans, single household members, and low income.
- Fixes damaged homes caused by natural disasters.
- A non- profit organization with the help of volunteers and donations.

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AGENDA ITEM #22

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Ratifying Approval To Contribute Up To \$10,000.00 For Legends Take Over Event, Previously Approved On October 16, 2023.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Judge Madrid and seconded by Commissioner Salinas ratifying approval to contribute up to \$10,000.00 for Legends take over event, previously approved on October 16, 2023. County pending \$5,089.09 with the monies to come from ARPA Funds. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #23

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Kleberg County
Personnel Policy Manual.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Judge Madrid and seconded by Commissioner Martinez approving Kleberg County personnel policy manual. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #24

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Payment To Edge Endeavors,
In the Amount Of \$43,397.68, Previously Approved On February 5, 2024, To Be
Paid From Local Tribal Grant.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Judge Madrid and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving payment to Edge Endeavors, in the amount of \$43,397.68 previously approved on February 5, 2024 Commissioner Court meeting. Monies to be paid from Local Tribal Grant. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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

Judge Madrid- will be meeting with the following:

- Phil Esquivel and Dr. Ugarte regarding inmate medical bills.
- TxDOT, La Mantia, and JM Lozano regarding an accident on County Road 141 and Santa Gertrudis due high speed, asking to place blinking lights, rumble strips. Will get with the Sheriff's department and City Law Enforcement to patrol more.
- Needs to come up with a plan for better improvements.
- Get with TxDOT regarding speed limit on Farm Road 628 Riviera.


Commissioner Rosse- gas pump are in dire need of repairs.

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**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

