

Kleberg County Commissioners' Court Minutes



Regular Session On Monday, July 22, 2024 @ 1:30 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 22nd day of July, 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(NP)
Melissa Green, Co. Auditor
Priscilla A. Cantu, Co. Treasurer
Anna Ramirez, Deputy Clerk
Delma Trevino, Chief Deputy Clerk(NP)
Janie Espindola, Deputy Clerk

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

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **Cheyenne Gamble, 434 E. County Road 2270, Riviera, Texas 78379**

Ms. Gamble came before Commissioners' Court today to speak to them in regards of her complaint against Volunteer Fire Chief Brandon Harris.

Ms. Gamble states she was a volunteer firefighter for 4 years and always gave 100% to the job. She never had a complaint lodged against in the years she was a volunteer. Ms. Gamble stopped being a volunteer firefighter due to several things that were going on in her life at the time. Ms. Gamble states she has been unable to get back to being a volunteer firefighter due to Chief Brandon Harris showing negativity towards her. Ms. Gamble states she sent text message, e-mails and made calls to Chief Harris and never received a response. Ms. Gamble states she spoke to the Asst. Chief and members of the board of directors and they told her they did not know of any reason why she could not return. Chief Harris did reach out to her after she had spoken to the Asst. Chief and other board members and advised her that her application to return could not be processed at this time. As per Ms. Gamble Chief Harris allowed other persons to become volunteer firefighters during this time period. Ms. Gamble states she had also been told that she had to get special permission from Chief Harris before she could return even though no one else had do.

Judge Madrid explained to Ms. Gamble that the County is not over the Volunteer Fire Depts as all the county does is assist with equipment and maintaining the Fire Station so the volunteers could do their jobs. The County has nothing to do with the rules that are set by Chief Harris. The Volunteer Fire Dept is its own entity. It is governed by a Board of Directors that make up their rules.

Judge Madrid did state that he feels a meeting should be set up with the County Attorney, Chief Harris, Ms. Gamble and himself to see if they can come to some sort of an agreement. Judge Madrid to set up a date and time when this meeting could take place. Judge Madrid stated to Ms. Gamble she will be contacted of when the meeting will be.

- Boy Scout Troop 186 is attending today's meeting as they are in the process of earning a Merit Badge.

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

Bills

AV Air Solutions--\$650.00
 Blooston, Mordkopsky, Dickens--\$482.52
 Coastal Office Solutions Ins.--\$535.95
 De La Garza Construction--\$350.00
 Demco Inc.--\$964.60
 F&D Floor Covering Janitorial--\$924.31
 Gall's--\$313.96
 ITC Corporation--\$1,099.00
 Lumenserve--\$690.00
 Magpul Industries Corp \$898.76
 Matera Paper Co/Ferguson--\$1,226.52
 Net Data Corporation--\$35,192.50
 Office of the Secretary of State--\$975.00
 R & R Petro Services, Inc. \$8,646.20
 Ramirez-Salinas Funeral Home--\$995.00
 Raul Hernandez & Company--\$48,500.00
 Renaissane Austin Hotel--\$1,205.14
 Salvador Barrera III--\$524.18
 Santos McBain Management--\$3,000.00
 Texas Association of Counties--\$364.00
 Turcotte-Piper Mortuary--\$995.00
 Universal Fire & Safety--\$774.00
 US Foodservice Inc.--\$1,265.85

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

Budget Line-Item Transfers

091-561-439 to 091-561-497--\$6,744.00
 037-403-486 to 037-403-426--\$170.23
 037-403-486 to 037-403-427--\$1,427.02
 037-403-486 to 037-403-493--\$375.00
 010-450-427 to 029-450-207--\$33.72
 052-632-417 to 052-632-448--\$10,000.00
 128-632-454 to 128-612-162--\$903.60
 058-634-202 to 058-634-120--\$7,375.00
 058-637-454 to 058-637-435--\$1,229.20
 128-632-454 to 128-632-330--\$2,000
 012-572-486 to 012-572-497--\$146.76
 012-572-486 to 012-572-497--\$471.18
 012-572-486 to 012-572-497--\$326.24
 108-548-310 to 108-548-203--\$5,000.00
 108-548-349 to 108-548-203--\$5,000.00
 108-548-390 to 108-548-203--\$5,000.00
 108-548-354 to 108-548-102--\$10,000.00
 106-546-349 to 106-546-486--\$2,000.00
 106-546-393 to 106-546-486--\$2,000.00
 106-546-435 to 106-546-498--\$2,500.00
 252-549-427 to 252-549-104--\$1,991.10
 252-549-427 to 252-549-195--\$150.00
 010-510-330 to 010-510-450--\$2,260.05
 010-516-459 to 010-409-459--\$800.00
 010-409-492 to 010-409-459--\$1,537.00
 010-409-400 to 010-695-497--\$2,767.36
 010-409-400 to 010-409-454--\$1,913.27

010-409-492 to 010-409-401--\$26,500.00
025-624-453 to 025-624-499--\$550.00

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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 Martinez to approve the budget amendments as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered. Funds from the Reserves for will used for these amendments.

Budget Amendments

ARPA

091-567-575--\$20,000.00
091-573-451--\$14,800.00
091-561-439--\$25,000.00

COMM COURT APPD

010-695-497--\$50,000.00

EDA

173-330-516--\$86,750.00
173-516-548--\$86,750.00

EDA GRANT #2

183-519-412--\$70,000.00

HUMAN SERVICES

052-637-204--\$29.37
052-333-639--\$44,379.00
052-639-136--\$6000.00
052-639-186--\$2,676.00
052-639-417--\$5,000.00
052-639-448--\$30,703.00

JAIL

010-512-404--\$2,500.00
010-512-426--\$5,336.50
010-512-391--\$1,568.78
010-512-392--\$23.16
010-512-350--\$56.00
010-512-405--\$650.00
010-512-341--\$384.56
010-512-450--\$1,267.00
010-512-343--\$1,065.00
010-512-310--\$20.39
010-512-388--\$20.88
010-512-486--\$232.75
010-512-450--\$2,081.22
010-512-350--\$82.96
010-512-426--\$4,359.25
010-512-343--\$1,458.00
010-512-341--\$777.71
010-512-453--\$1,222.08

MAINTENANCE

010-510-451--\$3,304.30

PARKS

091-572-497--\$4,100.00
091.572-560--\$24,320.00

ROAD & BRIDGE PCT. 4

025-624-440--\$2,000.00

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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 Salinas 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 Sheriff's-Monthly Report-June 2024
- Kleberg County District Clerk Court Cost AG-Monthly Report-June 2024
- Kleberg County District Clerk Fee Account-Monthly Report-June 2024
- Kleberg County Pct. #1-Monthly Report-June 2024
- Kleberg County Pct. #2-Monthly Report-June 2024

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AGENDA ITEM #5

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Previous Meetings.

Commissioner Rosse made motion to approve Minutes of Meeting on June 3, 2024 and June 10, 2024 even though they each had one minor correction. Errors will be corrected. The minutes for June 17, 2024 and June 24, 2024 were tabled until corrections were made to them. Commissioner Rosse had already spoken with Deputy Clerk Janie Espindola as to what corrections were needed. Corrections will be made. Commissioner Rosse made motion to approve the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Schultz. Upon vote, the motion was approved unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #6

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval For The County Clerk, Salvador Barrera III, And Deputy Clarissa Moreno And Crystal Martinez To Attend Texas Secretary Of State 42nd Annual Election Law Seminar To Be Held In Austin, Tx From August 12-14, 2024.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Martinez approving County Clerk Salvador Barrera, Deputy Clerks Clarissa Moreno and Crystal Moreno to travel to Austin, Texas to attend the Texas Secretary of State 42nd Annual Election Law Seminar. Upon vote, the motion was approved unanimously, and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #7

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Payment To Silver Star Construction, In The Amount Of \$84,182.00, For Work At The JK Regional Public Safety 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 Schultz approving payment to Silver Star Construction in the amount of \$84,182.00 for the work done at JK Regional Public Safety Training Center. The monies will come from the EDA Grant. A pre-walk through was done with the engineers at the EOC. City is to do their walk through tomorrow. On Thursday, July 25, 2024 the Fire Marshall will be doing his walk through. Ray De La Garza and his team are moving furniture in at this time. EOC should be open next week. Upon vote, the motion was approved unanimously, and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #8

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval For The Tax Office To Purchase A Tennsco Heavy Gauge Steel Box Compartment Locker. (Judge)

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Martinez approving the request by Kleberg Tax Assessor-Collector Maria Victoria Valadez to purchase a Tennsco Heavy Gauge Steel Box Compartment Locker for \$490.69. This locker will be used to keep the various license plates from the Motor Vehicle Dept. in her office.

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AGENDA ITEM #9

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of The Replat Of Best Estates No. 1, Section 37, Farm Lot 13, KT & I, Kleberg County, Texas. (Judge)

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Salinas. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Charlie Sosa came before the Court to advise that he had to replat the land he is developing from two (2) acre to one (1) acre lots. All of this has been done within regulations.

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AGENDA ITEM #10

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Subdivision Regulation Context And Potential Changes As Recommended By Bass. (Rosse)

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Rosse. Mr. Al Higginbotham came before the court in reference to developing a new subdivision. Mr. Higginbotham states that all would have to be developed to specifications (roads, drainage, etc.). If water wells are to be drilled in the subdivision the locations would have to be tested to see if there would be sufficient water for the next 30 years. After much discussion a motion was made to send all the changes to Bass for them to provide recommendations for this project. 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 Of Waiver Requests For County Facilities.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered. The motion is in reference to the following entities:

- La Pesca IV Charity Fishing Tournament (July 12-13, 2024)
- 3rd Annual Back to School Festival (July 20, 2024)
- 9th Annual Tavo Canales Memorial Fishing Tournament (August 8, 2024)

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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 provides statutory authority will be announced.

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

- Meeting was held last Friday by Kleberg County Judge Rudy Madrid, TxDOT law enforcement, and road construction supervisors working on Highway 77 to discuss all of the recent motor vehicle accidents. Speed limits from outside of Kingsville to Riviera will be lowered to 45MPH, all law enforcement agencies will be issuing traffic citations to drivers going above the speed limit. This will be for the duration of the highway project.
- Concrete barriers will be re-positioned to allow drivers getting onto Highway 77 a better view of oncoming traffic.
- Seeking new routes that Ricardo ISD could use so the school busses and parents taking students to and from school will have a safer way of getting the children to school safely.
- If things are not properly improved Judge Madrid will request an Emergency Declaration from the Governor Greg Abbott to get the things needed corrected for the safety of drivers on that stretch of highway.

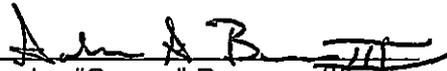
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With No Further Business At Hand To Be Considered By The Court At This Time, Adjournment Was Had. Meeting adjourned at 2:25PM.



Rudy Madrid, County Judge

ATTEST:


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

