

Kleberg County Commissioners' Court Minutes



Special Session On Monday, August 19, 2024, 1:30 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 19th day of August, 2024 the Commissioners' Court of Kleberg County, Texas, met in Special 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(NP)  
Salvador "Sonny" Barrera, III, County Clerk

Also present were:

Kira Talip-Sanchez, Co. Attorney  
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 Commissioner 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 approving to pay the bills as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

Bills

AT&T Mobility--\$1,053.74  
Beta Technology--\$1,153.33  
Birdwell Computer Services--\$4,183.36  
The Penworthy Company--\$1,209.81  
Thomas Reuters-West--\$595.11  
United States PrisonerTrans--\$4,683.15  
United States Prisoner Trans--\$733.75  
United States Prisoner Trans--\$1,496.50  
United States Prisoner Trans--\$338.00  
United States Prisoner Trans--\$425.25  
United States Prisoner Trans--\$498.75  
US Foodservice Inc.--\$2,209.83

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

Budget Line-Item Transfers

Kleberg County Attorney Task Force  
OLS Grant #4382002

252-549-203 to 252-549-204--\$341.20  
252-549-203 to 252-549-427--\$1,657.07  
252-549-201 to 252-549-427--\$237.95  
252-549-202 to 252-549-427--\$910.08  
252-549-206 to 252-549-427--\$221.50

Kleberg Public Library

010-650-311 to 010-650-450--\$488.57  
010-650-314 to 010-650-450--\$290.47  
010-650-454 to 010-650-450--\$754.86  
010-650-466 to 010-650-450--\$72.60

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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.

Budget Amendments

Human Services CEAP

053-330-650--\$10,000.00  
053-652-440--\$10,000.00

Jail

010-512-440--\$735.67  
010-512-450--\$6,798.00  
010-512-343--\$185.00  
010-512-391--\$2,022.90  
010-512-499--\$1,296.00

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**AGENDA ITEM #4**

**In The Matter Of Discussing And Approval Of A Plan Of Finance to issue Tax Notes.**

**Item Tabled Until Thursday, August, 22, 2024 at 1:30PM.**  
**Commissioner Salinas is out at this time.**

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**AGENDA ITEM #5**

**In The Matter Of Discussing And Approving New York Life Enrollment For Kleberg County Employees.**

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Judge Madrid and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approved New York Life Enrollment for Kleberg County employees. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #6

**In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Resolution With Texas Department of Agriculture For A Grant, In The Amount of \$100,000.00 For Kleberg County Human Services.**

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve Resolution with Texas Department of Agriculture for a Grant, in the amount of \$100,000.00 for Kleberg County Human Services. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #7

**In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of An MOU Between Kleberg County Attorney's Task Force And Wharton County Sheriff's Office.**

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approving an MOU between Kleberg County Attorney's Task Force and Wharton County Sheriff's Office. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #8

**In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Adding Full Coverage Insurance To The Following: 2007 Kensworth, T60 (VIN 5633); 2012 CPS Trailer Dump (VIN 4880); 2013 Kensworth Truck (VIN 5091) And 2012 CPS LWBD (VIN 4875) For Commissioner Pct. #3.**

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez approving adding full coverage to the following: 2007 Kensworth, T60 (VIN 5633); 2012 CPS Trailer Dump (VIN 4880); 2013 Kensworth Truck (VIN 5091 and 2012 CPS LWBD (VIN 4875) for Commissioner Pct. #3. 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 A Quote For Janitorial Services For JP Pct. #3 Office In Riviera.**

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Judge Madrid and seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve the quote for Janitorial Services for JP Pct. #3 Office in Riviera. Judge Madrid voted to approve on contingent and will have County Attorney Kira Talip-Sanchez to look into the matter as the county had done away with that position previously. Payment will be \$400 bi-weekly to Mia Rivera. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #10

**In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval To Pay G&S Property Services, In The Amount Of \$38,700.00 For Riviera Pier Pavilion Concrete Pad.**

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Judge Madrid approved paying G&S Property Services, in the amount of \$38,700.00 for Riviera Pier Pavilion Concrete Pad. Upon vote,

the motion carried unanimously and so ordered. Funds to be paid out of Gomesa and if not able to then use ARPA funds.

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AGENDA ITEM #11

**In The Matter Of Discussing and Acting On Approval To BCS Computer Services, In The Amount Of \$34,982.99 And \$2,315.00 For Work At The Kleberg County EOC Building.**

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Rosse approving payment to BCS Computer Services in the amount of \$34,982.99 and \$2,315.00 for work at the Kleberg County EOC Building. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #12

**In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Estimate With Triple R Fire & Safety LLC, In The Amount of \$538.88, For Fire Alarm Monitoring At The Kleberg County EOC Building.**

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approving estimate with Triple R Fire and Safety LLC, in the amount of \$538.88, for Fire Alarm Monitoring at the Kleberg County EOB Building. 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 Of Lease Agreement With NDS Leasing, For A Kyocera Copier, At The Kleberg County EOC Building.**

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Rosse approving lease agreement with NDS leasing, for a Kyocera Copier, at the Kleberg County EOC Building. Rental fee will be \$118.00 per month. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #14

**Budget Workshop For 2024-2025**

Budget Workshop will begin reconvene tomorrow August 20, 2024 at 10AM.

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

Judge Madrid spoke to Eric Martinez, new area Director for TxDOT, in regards to issues pertaining to the ongoing Highway 77 road construction. All communications will go through Mr. Martinez. Judge Madrid will be working hand in hand with Mr. Martinez during the highway construction phase until it is completed. Mr. Valentin Olivarez, former Director recently retired.

County Road 2120 still closed and will remain closed until all necessary work at that site has been completed.

Law enforcement personnel will continue to monitor traffic on Highway 77.

Even though mill allowance has been depleted, Mr. Martinez will be working with us to get the additional milling that we will be needing. We will be notified when more millings are available.

Negotiations in regards to the weight station in Riviera look good. One option was to move it to a new site off on the new highway at which time TxDOT. Mr. Martinez was advised that any of the three (3) options he presented would work as long as they paid for all of the expenses going into the option that was chosen to build a new weight station.

Option one (1) was to move it to an easement off the new bypass.

Option two (2) was to build a mandatory exit ramp for all 18 wheelers on I-69 going straight to the weight station. Once they leave there the bypass still joins to I-69 going North.

Option three (3) was to move to the weight station to Sarita.

Option two (2) was chosen over the other 2 options.

Kleberg County still owns the easement off the new bypass. The site could be used in the future to move the weight station if the need arises. A rest area could also be built for the drivers of the 18 wheelers.

The weight station will be staying in Riviera and not moving to Sarita. The weight station is the primary source of funding for the Road and Bridge Fund.

Commissioner Martinez brought up a problem that exists on County Road 2140. There is a blinking yellow light on County Road 2140 where the school children can cross the road. The speed limit in this area before you get to County Road 2160 is 25 MPH. The problem that is occurring is drivers are doing way over 25 MPH before they ever get to CR 2160. Judge Madrid is going to give Commissioner Martinez the phone number to get in contact with Mr. Eric Martinez with TxDOT ask if he can meet him out at that site so he can see first hand what is happening out there.

Judge Madrid has spoken to Mr. Eric Martinez in reference to the stop sign at the intersection of Farm to Market Road 628 and Highway 77. The stop sign cannot be seen by drivers until you are right on top of it and are already in the cross over. This problem will also be addressed by Mr. Martinez.

Commissioner Rosse also brought up the fact that he received a call from a gentleman stating the barricades at County Road 2150 and Highway 77 obscure vision and need to be placed where a driver can see the oncoming traffic.

County Clerk, Mr. Salvador "Sonny" Barrera reminded the Judge and Commissioners that Early Voting begins on October 21 thru the 28<sup>th</sup>.

In October the County will be hosting the State of the County dinner and dance at the J.K. Northway.

Commissioner Martinez advised the Judge and other Commissioners that he had received a call from Mrs. Rosa Salinas in regards to the ambulance service in Riviera. Mrs. Salinas lives across the railroad tracks on the West side of Riviera. Mrs. Salinas had to call the ambulance service twice before they ever showed up at the house. Mr. Abel Salinas, her husband, expired before the ambulance service ever managed to get to their home. Mrs. Salinas stated that when the ambulance did get there the EMT's acted very "cold blooded".

Commissioner Martinez also brought up that he had received a call from a lady in Ricardo that she had problems with the ambulance service and that her husband had passed away due to the ambulance not getting there in a timely manner.

Judge Madrid told Commissioner Martinez that he would pass on the ambulance Director's phone number so he could contact him about this and get the issues resolved.

Commissioner Rosse brought up that it was needed that paving materials, caliche, asphalt, oil, fuel, and paving rock, be placed on the next agenda. Needs to know if it is legal to take bids one year prior to need arising. County Attorney Kira Talip-Sanchez did not see a problem with it. Commissioner Rosse states that every year they sent out requests for bids on these items and many of the bids come in after the cut off date. S & S Title will have contract on the purchase of the 14 acre tract this coming week. The 14 acres will be used for the Park and Ride parking lot where the employees that will be working out at the Oxy Plant can park their vehicles.


Budget workshop will reconvene tomorrow August 20, 2024 at 10AM

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.

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With No Further Business At Hand To Be Considered By The Court At This Time, Adjournment Was Had. Court Adjourned at 3:30 P.M

  
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Rudy Madrid, County Judge

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

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