

Kleberg County Commissioners' Court Minutes



Regular Session On Thursday, September 9, 2024 @ 1:30 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 9th day of Sept, 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, Treasurer (NP)
Janie Espindola, Deputy Clerk
Delma Trevino, Chief Deputy Clerk(NP)

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Bills

- A C Lawn and Garden--\$382.74
- AHI Enterprises LLC--\$945.00
- AMG Printing & Mailing--\$2,012.50
- Ardurra Group, Inc--\$2,250.00
- B&M Suppliers--\$684.00
- Baker & Taylor--\$611.17
- Baker & Taylor--\$1,492.30
- Beta Technology--\$2,577.29
- Birdwell Computer Services--\$1,290.00
- DLS Detention Lock & Equipment--\$2,560.00
- Firetrol Protection Systems--\$3,044.32
- GT Distributors--\$8,394.00
- Grainger--\$823.60
- Harrel-Kingsville Pharmacy--\$1,559.50
- Industrial Fence Group--\$345.00
- International Consulting Eng--\$27,486.69
- Jerry's Heating & Air Conditioning--\$2,040.00
- Orlando Moya--\$1,034.00
- Priscilla A Cantu--\$861.59
- Quill Corporation--\$491.55
- Quill Corporation--\$455.34
- Ramirez-Salinas Funeral Home--\$995.00
- Ramos Refrigeration & A C--\$1,101.10
- Ramos Refrigeration & A C--\$6,313.00
- Ramos Refrigeration & A C--\$367.50

Scott & Merriman Incorporate--\$2,675.41
 Sharps Compliance Inc--\$463.40
 Texas Association of Counties--\$550.00
 Turcotte Piper Mortuary--\$995.00
 Turcotte Piper Mortuary--\$995.00
 United States Prisoner Trans--\$358.75
 United States Prisoner Trans--\$733.75
 United States Prisoner Trans--\$318.50
 United States Prisoner Trans--\$730.25
 United States Prisoner Trans--\$323.75
 US Foodservice Inc.--\$1,560.32
 US Foodservice Inc.\$1,707.83
 US Foodservice Inc.--\$2,769.95
 US Foodservice Inc.--\$2,008.78
 US Foodservice Inc.--\$2,035.29
 US Foodservice Inc.--\$1,993.67
 US Foodservice Inc.--\$1,672.94

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

Budget Line-Item Transfers

County Attorney

010-475-427 to 010-475-343--\$501.17

Data Processing

010-503-343 to 010-503-452--\$6,511.03
 010-503-195 to 010-503-203--\$500.00

District Clerk

010-450-311 to 010-450-310--\$585.55
 010-450-311 to 010-450-462--\$943.38

Fire Dept

010-545-331 to 010-545-440--\$109.91
 010-545-353 to 010-545-440--\$81.49
 010-545-450 to 010-545-440--\$664.25
 010-545-497 to 010-545-440--\$800.00
 010-545-493 to 010-545-440--\$120.00
 010-545-499 to 010-545-440--\$15.13
 010-545-397 to 010-545-440--\$1,000.00

Human Services

058-636-498 to 058-636-185--\$1,221.13
 058-636-498 to 058-636-204--\$89.06
 058-636-498 to 058-636-206--\$5.65
 128-632-314 to 128-632-201--\$84.58
 128-632-423 to 128-632-454--\$679.50
 128-632-424 to 128-632-454--\$25.00
 128-632-424 to 128-632-354--\$75.00
 128-632-427 to 128-632-354--\$55.00
 128-632-430 to 128-632-354--\$100.00
 128-632-488 to 128-632-354--\$144.00
 058-636-498 to 058-636-103--\$1,308.26
 058-636-498 to 058-636-185--\$2,772.13
 058-636-498 to 058-636-204--\$89.06
 058-636-498 to 058-636-206--\$5.65

Juvenile Probation

017-570-490 to 017-570-446--\$250.00
017-570-490 to 017-570-444--\$120.00
017-570-490 to 017-570-424--\$1,200.00
017-570-490 to 017-570-492--\$500.00
017-570-202 to 017-570-102--\$1,000.00
017-510-202 to 017-570-420--\$60.26
017-570-202 to 017-570-498--\$239.98
017-570-202 to 017-570-492--\$500.00
017-570-202 to 017-570-405--\$750.00
117-578-201 to 117-578-140--\$183.24
117-578-202 to 117-578-140--\$97.76
117-578-202 to 117-578-203--\$143.46
117-578-202 to 117-578-140--\$578.37
117-578-206 to 117-578-140--\$20.32
117-578-204 to 117-578-140--\$25.71

Kleberg Public Library

010-650-343 to 010-650-390--\$1,887.94
010-650-343 to 010-650-497--\$625.00
010-650-343 to 010-650-499--\$9,700.38

Parks Dept

010-636-195 to 010-636-115--\$2,000.00

RAMP

072-622-450 to 072-622-453--\$4,691.00
072-622-497 to 072-622-453--\$19,323.56
072-622-459 to 072-622-453--\$1,000.00

Road & Bridge Pct. 3

025-623-597 to 025-623-457--\$3,000.00
025-623-550 to 025-623-457--\$1,499.30
025-623-463 to 025-623-457--\$1,500.00
025-623-497 to 025-623-457--\$1,000.00
025-623-453 to 025-623-457--\$6,000.00
025-623-354 to 025-623-106--\$8,060.00

Road & Bridge Pct. 4

025-624-108 to 025-624-106--\$8,000.00
025-624-107 to 025-624-106--\$4,660.00
025-624-550 to 025-624-330--\$2,000.00
025-624-454 to 025-624-330--\$1,500.00
025-624-453 to 025-624-330--\$1,500.00

Seawind

010-661-442 to 010-661-497--\$700.00

Sheriff

222-560-575 to 222-560-359--\$650.00
010-560-311 to 010-560-358--\$525.52
010-560-311 to 010-560-343--\$349.50
010-560-348 to 010-560-343--\$176.02
010-560-348 to 010-560-397--\$73.07
010-560-348 to 010-560-486--\$35.00
010-560-348 to 010-560-453--\$115.65
010-560-310 to 010-560-453--\$234.35
010-560-310 to 010-560-452--\$382.74

Sheriff-560

010-560-422 to 010-560-349--\$5,722.00
010-560-427 to 010-560-349--\$1,432.06
010-560-397 to 010-560-358--\$30.27
010-560-462 to 010-560-454--\$2,803.28
010-560-497 to 010-560-341--\$203.38
010-560-486 to 010-560-341--\$351.48
010-560-453 to 010-560-341--\$66.87

010-560-343 to 010-560-454--\$1,831.28

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

ARPA--\$43,873.00

County Attorney

010-475-420--\$587.50

District Clerk

010-435-408--\$35,000.00

EOC

091-561-497--\$38,103.99

JK Northway

\$010-636-450--\$6,513.00

010-636-450--\$6,513.00

JK Northway-Emergency Operations Center

010-636-497--\$24,000.00

Jail-512

010-512-426--\$2,046.75

010-512-450--\$1,616.00

010-512-391--\$429.00

010-512-428--\$39.60

010- 512-440--\$806.75

010-512-195--\$12,000.00

010-512-450--\$2,215.00

010-512-454--\$100.00

010-512-391--\$2,420.57

010-512-150--\$7000.00

010-512-170--\$957.32

010-512-310--\$57.04

010-512-497--\$28.84

Road & Bridge/GF Transfer

010-700-025--\$200,000.00

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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 Schultz to approve adopting the order receiving these reports and filing them as part of public records. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

Monthly Reports

Kleberg County-Tax Assessor-Collector-Monthly Report-August 2024

Kleberg County-County Clerk Civil and Juvenile-Monthly Report-July 2024

Kleberg County Airport-Monthly Report-August 2024

AGENDA ITEM #5

Change of Status for Employees

Name	Hire Date	Job Title
Guadalupe A Gogue	08/05/2024	Custodial
Robert S. Chapa Jr.	08/19/2024	Driver
Hector DeLeon III	08/12/2024	Dispatcher
Emerico H. Garcia II	08/19/2024	Driver
Tina M. Garcia	08/19/2024	Detention Officer
Andrea M. Ochoa	08/05/2024	Admin Assistant
Linda A. Perez	08/20/2024	Secretary
Arturo Rocha Jr.	08/18/2024	Deputy Patrol
Juan E. Santana Jr.	08/19/2024	Driver

Name	Job Title	Hire Date	Term Date
Michael A. Campos	Temporary Part-Time	01/22/2023	08/03/2024
Timotea S. Diaz	Ceap Caseworker	10/19/2023	08/05/2024
Ronald L. Doud	Driver	10/30/2023	08/07/2024
Troy A. Prince	Detention Officer	05/23/2022	08/09/2024

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AGENDA ITEM #6

Convene Into Public Hearing on Kleberg County Tax Increase for Tax Year 2024.

A. Open Hearing

County Judge Madrid opened hearing with the statement that we would not have tax increases. Tax Assessor Victoria Valadez was in attendance and he verified with her. Judge Madrid thanked the Tax Assessor Collector office, Auditor's office and all of the County Commissioners as we have worked hard this year to keep from having any tax increase. He also thanked all Kleberg County employees as they deserve all the credit because of all their hard work we can still see million of capital improvements that cost the taxpayers little to nothing. At the end of the day according to our outside audit we still made over \$2.3 million dollars after everything was said and done. It was a great year for Kleberg County. I think next year it is going to be even better. Commissioners Court Member's Comments

B. Commissioners Court Member's Comments

Commissioner Rosse said he has stated over and over again the years that he wishes the county could give some relief to the taxpayers. As the auditor tells us we are in such good shape and how much is in the bank I would really like to give some back. As some of our taxpayers are barely making it and would appreciate the extra help. So many of our taxpayers are on a fixed income and do not have the benefits that others do. Judge Madrid but twelve (12) years ago before this administration took office almost every year taxes were going up and we stopped that. We corrected our budget and in fact we reversed it. We started investing wisely. We started investing in capital improvement projects that only make up revenues at little to no cost to the taxpayer and we are seeing growth now in Kleberg County. Kleberg County is building a lot of stuff out there. There is still a price to run the county, the Sheriff's Office, Human Services, Meals on Wheels, the courthouse, every single county building out here. We see inflation as everyone else does. I think it's fair to say that whenever we see tax increases in Kleberg County, it's always the City and the Appraisal District. If I had my choice I would take Kleberg County Appraisal District off of it as people get confused as they think it's us. They are an independent entity, that just happens to be in Kleberg County. Because the Appraisal District

has been so high on us and beating us up pretty good that I make it a point that we work diligently and I have to give Melissa Green all the credit as she works with me on making it fit. We have all these things we want to do and we need to make sure that everything fits as we don't make to increase taxes but at the same time we need to make our county safe. The state still requires that we keep "X" amount of dollars in reserves in case of a rainy day or God forbid a pandemic comes or hurricane comes or a fire, you have to be prepared, you can't leave your community at risk. Commissioner Rosse states he understands that but I think our taxpayers deserve a little more.

Judge states there will be two (2) new fire stations built, one in Ricardo and out on Baffin Bay and the one in Riviera will be completely remodeled.

We won a big grant that is going to help with a \$10 million dollar drainage project in Ricardo that will elevate the drainage issues in Ricardo.

We are building new regional training facility right on the highway that is going to support 2600 or more jobs going into play and that's a huge deal for our school districts both at the high school and collegiate level. We just built an Emergency Operations Center. We are going to put in a Regional Fire Training Center. We are also building a Business Incubator Center to help small businesses get off their feet. There is a lot of neat stuff coming.

It's a collective effort, that's why we are able to give every employee a decent raise to all of our employees.

Commissioner Schultz states one of ways we can benefit our citizens is by better roads in the county. Our road system is not working as it should be. If you want to give relief to the citizens, think about the roads.

I think we all agree that when Oxy gets here we will be in a unique position where we have to acquire debt and in order to offset the interest in this. This goes back to the Old Boston Tea Party, no taxation without representation. We got to show the taxpayer that we are going to be collecting all this excess from Oxy and 1.5, how can you continue to tax the taxpayer when we have all that outside money? I think we have all agreed the roads and bridges in Ricardo and Riviera ae to be our main focus. My thoughts are that we just hire out an independent company such as Bay. You Commissioners figure out what are the 50% of roads need it most and just hit the ground running, do them all at one time, do nothing but road and bridge, do them all at one short, do nothing but road and bridge. Take out a bond out against that, acquire some debt and put that money in the right spot. Money that we didn't have that belongs to the citizens. You talked about giving back to the citizens, that's going to be a big one. That's something the City can't do but we are doing it.

C. Public Comments

NONE

D. Announcement: Commissioner's Court will consider all public comments and vote on the Tax Increase for Tax Year 2024 during its Regular Session on September 23, 2024 at 1:30., at the Courthouse Annex, Law Enforcement Center, 1500 E. King, Kingsville, Texas.

E. Close Public Hearing

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AGENDA ITEM #7

Convene Into Public Hearing On Kleberg County Budget for FY 2024-2025

A. Open Hearing

Judge Madrid open the hearing.

B. Commissioners Court Member's Comments

Commissioner Salinas is requesting a line item set up for him for Road and Bridge Maintenance. Commissioner Rosse told him to convert line item 450 to 457 and that will take care of it. He also states that County Road 1038 and County Road 1028 are in dire need as they have become dirt roads and need to be completely repaved.

Commissioner Salinas would like an additional \$5,000.00 to \$20,000.00 to get a good work truck to replace his Island truck and is about ready to take its last breath. He has begun checking on good dependable trucks that he could buy within this price range.

Judge Madrid said that there are still some monies in the ARPA fund that he has to commit before the end of December 2024 and will see what he can do. He has contacted Bill Donnell with the City of Kingsville and made a donation to the city of about 25 loads of millings. The millings will be used in the alleys and other necessary roads. The millings that are being donated to the City are out by Pan American College.

C. Public Comments

D. Announcement: Commissioner's Court will consider all public comments and vote on the Kleberg County Budget for FY 2024-2025 during its Regular Session on September 23, 2024 at 1:30., at the Courthouse Annex, Law Enforcement Center, 1500 E. King, Kingsville, Texas.

E. Close Public Hearing

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AGENDA ITEM #8

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Awarding RFP For Grantsmanship And Administration Services For EPA Community Change Grants Project.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas awarding the RFP for Grantsmanship and Administration Services for EPA Community Change Grants Project to the Reyna Network Group. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #9

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Awarding RFP For Engineering Services For The EPA Community Change Grants Project.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to award the RFP for Engineering Services for the EPA Community Change Grants Project to Fulcrum Consulting Service. Three bids were received, the bids coming from Ardurra Engineering, Fulcrum Consulting, and ICE. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #10

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Allowing Kleberg County Sheriff's Department To Utilize Left Over Monies From SB 22 On Eligible Equipment Purchases.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commission Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to allow Kleberg County Sheriff's Department to utilize left over monies from SB 22 on eligible purchases. Sheriff Kirkpatrick was asked how much money he had in the SB 22 fund and at he did not know at this time. Sheriff was reminded to spend whatever monies were in this fund by the end of September 2024. If this money is not spent it will need to be sent back and it may be hard to get additional funding from this fund as monies were not all used. Commissioner Shultz will get with Sheriff Kirkpatrick and check to see how much money is still in the SB 22 fund. It can only be used for eligible equipment purchases. Upon vote. Motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #11

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval To Issue A Notary Bond For Cynthia Ortega From The Kleberg County Sheriff's Department.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve issuing a notary bond for Cynthia Ortega from the Kleberg County Sheriff's Department. 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 To Radify The County Judge To Enter Into A Business Service Agreement With Sparklight For Internet Services At The Emergency Operation Center.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve ratifying that the County Judge enter into a Business Service Agreement with Sparklight for Internet Services at the Emergency Operation Center. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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AGENDA ITEM #13

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of A Donation, In The Amount Of \$4,000.00, To The H.M. King High Athletics Football Program.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving a donation of \$4,000.00 to the H.M. King High Athletics Football Program. County Judge Madrid asked that the check be made out directly to the H.M. King Athletics Football Program. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered. Donation is to be paid out of the ARPA Fund.

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AGENDA ITEM #14

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval To Pay Ramos Refrigeration, In The Amount Of \$6,513.00, For Installation Of A Mini Split System In The JK Northway Kitchen Area.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Martinez approving payment to Ramos Refrigeration, in the amount of \$6,513.00 for installation of a mini split system in the JK Northway kitchen area. Payment will be made from the ARPA fund. Upon vote the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #15

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Ratifying The County Judge Submitting An Application To Participate In Good Jobs Challenge Grant With The Coastal Bend Council Of Government.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve ratifying the County Judge submit an application to participate in Good Jobs Challenge Grant with the Coastal Bend Council of Government. 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 Enter Into A Contract With Al Higginbotham, At A Rate Of \$3,000.00 Per Month. (Ex. Flood Plain Maps, Subdivision Updates And Inspections And Easement Amendments And Updates).

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez approved entering into a contract with Al Higginbotham, at a rate of \$3,000.00 per month. (Ex: Flood plain Maps, subdivision update and inspections and easement amendments and updates. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #17

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Ratifying Approval Of A Credit Card For Harbor Freight For Commissioner Pct. 4.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve a credit card for Harbor Freight for Commissioner Pct. 4. 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 To Pay G&S Property Services, In The Amount Of \$4,580.00 And \$21,450.00 For Work Performed At The Riviera Pier.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approving payment to G&S Property Services, in the amount of \$4,580.00 and \$21,450.00 for work performed at the Riviera Pier. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered. Money is to come from ARPA Fund.

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AGENDA ITEM #19

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval To Pay Silver Star Construction, In the Amount Of \$112,672.20, For The Retainage Fee, For Work At The JK Public Training Center, With The Money To Come From The EDA Grant.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and by seconded by Commissioner Schultz approving payment to Silver Star Construction in the amount of \$112,672.20, for the retainage fee, for work at the JK Public Training Center, with money coming from the EDA Grant. George the engineer has signed off on this project along with the State Project Inspector, the City Inspector, the Fire Marshall, and the Fire Chief. Upon vote, the motion carried and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #20

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of A Quote From Worth Hydrochem Of Corpus Christi, In The Amount Of \$600.00, To Provide A Filter Feeder For The Water Chill System At The Courthouse and \$150.00, Per Quarter, For Quarterly Chemical Water Treatment.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez approving a quote from Worth Hydrochem of Corpus Christi, in the amount of \$600.00, to provide a filter feeder for the water chill system at the Courthouse and \$150.00 per quarter, for quarterly chemical water treatment. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered

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AGENDA ITEM #21

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Collective Bargaining Labor Agreement Between Kleberg County And The Kleberg County Sheriff's Officers Association (KCSOA).

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Judge Madrid to table this matter at this time. There are questions in regards to items on Page 8, Sections 3 and 4 that need to be addressed before contract can be approved. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #22

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Invoice To Edge Endeavors, In The Amount Of \$9,002.36 For Work On The Chillers At The Courthouse.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve the invoice from Edge Endeavors, in the amount of \$9,002.36 for work on the chillers at the Courthouse along with new valves that will lead to the filtration system Commissioner Schultz is working on. Any bills that are being paid on the electrical parts, receipts need to be kept as they can be used toward match money for a new grant. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered. ARPA funds will be used to pay this invoice.

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AGENDA ITEM #23

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval To Submit The SCAAP Grant Utilizing JBI .

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve the submission of the SCAAP Grant utilizing JBI. SCAAP (State Criminal Alien Assistance Program) is a Federal reimbursement program that assists state and local agencies recoup monies spent on incarcerated undocumented aliens who have been convicted of a felony or two misdemeanors and have been incarcerated for a minimum of 4 consecutive days. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #24

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Payment To Kenedy County, In The Amount Of \$20,000.00, For Desks and Cabinets, For The Emergency Operations Center.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Judge Madrid and seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve payment to Kenedy County, in the amount of \$20,000.00 for desks and cabinets, for the Emergency Operation Center. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #25

In The Matter of Discussing And Acting On Approval To Allow Kleberg County Attorney Warrant Officer To Use Vacation, Holidays and Comp Time Count As Hours Worked And Any Overtime To Be Covered By The U.S. Marshall's Service.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve allowing County Attorney Warrant Officer to use Vacation, Holidays and Comp Time count as Hours worked and any overtime to be covered by the U.S. Marshall's Service. Upon vote, Commissioner Rosse voted against it. Motion carried on a 4-1 vote.

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AGENDA ITEM #26

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Allowing Commissioners Court To Decide On A Process To Appoint Constable Pct. 1.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Judge Madrid and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to advertise for applicants for the position of Constable Pct. 1. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered. (Criteria for the position will be worked on and after that, position will be advertised. Resumes will be accepted to see if criteria is met. Applicant must live in Pct. 1 and have a peace officers license. At the time the deputy for Pct. 1 is assisting in doing the job Constable Hack did. Constable Rivera from Pct. 3 is also assisting Pct. 1. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered. Thank you goes out to the Sheriff's Department for everything that they did at the funeral. Thank you everyone who attended the funeral. Thank you to Captain Longoria for organizing the funeral procession as it was all very well planned.

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AGENDA ITEM #27

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

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Judge Madrid and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve the Retirees Insurance Coverage for 2024-2025. Rates will stay as is at \$202.40. Insurance Coordinator, Veronica Hare, is going to be getting in touch with retirees and giving them a short refresher course. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #28

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval To Renew The Interagency Cooperation Contract Between TAMUK Kleberg County Human Services For An Additional One (1) Year Period.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas, to approve to renew the Interagency Cooperation Contract between TAMUK and Kleberg County Human Services for an additional one (1) year period. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered

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AGENDA ITEM #29

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval of TxDOT Ramp Grant M2516KNGV.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve TxDot Ramp Grant M2516KNGV. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #30

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Deposit To Brothers Music LLC, In The Amount Of \$1,500.00 For A Live Performance At The State Of The County On October 18, 2024.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Schultz, approval of deposit to Brothers Music LLC, in the amount of \$1,500.00 for a live performance at the State of The County on October 18, 2024. Judge Madrid requested that Melissa Green, Auditor, create a new line item for county events, conferences and things of that nature. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #31

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval For The County Judge To Apply For A USDOT Charging And Fueling Discretionary Grant Opportunity.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Judge Madrid and seconded by Commissioner Salinas, approving the County Judge apply for a USDOT Charging and Fueling Discretionary Grant opportunity. A representative with Graviti Electric Vehicle Charging Solutions, Bob Zachariah, 13255 Stafford Rd., Ste 400, Missouri City, Texas 77749 came before the court and spoke for a few minutes. Mr. Zachariah states his company can set up charging stations facilities for any electrical vehicle. These could be used at the JK Northway, the park, the future park and ride parking lot that will be used by workers at the new Oxy facility, the new training center, the courthouse. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #32

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval To Pay J. Filiberto Garcia LLC, In The Amount Of \$496,144.50 For The Acquisition Of 14.56 Acre Tract Of Land.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve paying J. Filiberto Garcia LLC, in the amount of \$496,144.50 for the acquisition of 14.56 acre tract of land. Commissioner Rosse questioned the dollar amount as the price listed at the Commissioner Court Meeting on August 26, 2024, agenda item #16 was \$493,680.00, a difference of \$2,464.50. Judge Madrid stated that there was an error as he believes that this came from back taxes being owed. Melissa Green, auditor, also stated that she believes it was due to back taxes. Commissioner Rosse stated that on the contract seller is to pay back taxes. Melissa said that the Treasurer, Priscilla A.

Cantu had been doing all the research on this project. Judge Madrid called Ms. Cantu who states that she believes that this is due to back taxes. Commissioner Rosse said that was to be paid by the seller. Ms. Cantu added that Victor with S&S Title Company had worked on this project. Judge Madrid called Victor but was unable to contact him, he then called the title company and spoke to Anna Lisa who explained the difference in the price. The difference stems from adding the following to the \$493,680.00. Closing Fee \$500.00, owner's title insurance \$2,907.00, State of Texas guaranty fee \$2.00, Kleberg County Tax Certificate \$10.00, Kleberg County Clerk filing fee \$53.00. County has been given credit for earnest monies \$1,000.00 and county taxes \$27.50. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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

Judge states he will be out of town for a few days, but he will be monitoring the tropics. He will be checking the National Weather Station while he is away. He will have his cell phone and laptop with him in case of any emergency. Governor Abbott has already reached out to him in case Kleberg County needs any assistance. In case of any damage to it needs to be reported as soon as possible, do not wait. If evacuations are necessary, the FEMA domes will become available. If need arises David Garcia with the Transportation Department will send out frozen meals as needed.

Commissioners Court adjourned for Executive Session at 2:32 P.M.

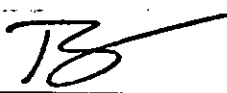
Commissioners Court reconvene at 2:50 P.M.

Judge Madrid announced results from the executive meeting that was held.

Judge Madrid made a motion to swap out a position from the jail to the Sheriff's office. Commissioner Rosse brought up fact that the Judge was out of order as this was not on the agenda and had to be ratified by Commissioner's Court. Judge Madrid stated that just for the record the court was going to swap a Full-Time position from the county jail to the Sheriff's office. This will be placed on the agenda so it can be ratified.

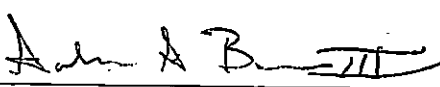
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With No Further Business At Hand To Be Considered By The Court At This Time, Adjournment Was Had. Commissioners Court Adjourned at 3:00 P.M.



Rudy Madrid, County Judge

ATTEST:



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

