

Kleberg County Commissioners' Court Minutes



Regular Session On Monday, September 23, 2024 @ 1:30 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 23rd day of September, 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(NP)

Also present were:

Kira Talip- Sanchez, Co. Attorney(NP)
Melissa Green, Co. Auditor
Priscilla A. Cantu, Co. Treasurer(NP)
Janie Espindola, Deputy Clerk
Delma Trevino, Chief Deputy Clerk(NP)
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 and Commissioner Martinez led the Court in the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States and Texas Flag.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kathy Kimball—Director of Domestic Violence Task Force came before the court to advise of some events that they will be hosting. Mrs. Kimball states there will be a Proclamation read in the next few minutes to proclaim October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month. She would also like to invite everyone here today to the events that they have planned.

October 09, 2024 Prayer and Reflection Time at the Bo Best Memorial Prayer Garden at the First Baptist Church at 7:30 PM. We want to pray for the families of those lives lost due to domestic violence as well as our law enforcement officers, especially the law enforcement officers who are called to handle these situations, and really just for the people that are domestic violence victims.

October 18,2024 Purple Door is sponsoring a "Pink Drink" event at the Kingsville Coffee Cup, 1220 N. Armstrong.

November 07, 2024 we will be having a luncheon and fund raiser, the location still has yet to be determined, a speaker from Kendall County.

We are really excited about the way we are going. We are doing our hotel vouchers for law enforcement and we have recently been funded to do transitional housing and legal aid.

We also have some special folks in the audience and in order to get them back to school we are going to get them to the front of the line. We are going to go to Agenda item #6 at this time. Agenda item #6 reads, discuss and act on approval of Resolution for 4-H Week. Judge Madrid asked Commissioner Rossi to read the Resolution to the audience. Motion to pass this Resolution passed with a unanimous vote and so ordered. Owen Bryant, 119 Myrtle, President of the local 4-H.Chapter spoke giving a short story about the 4-H. The 4-H motto is Head, Hands, Heart and Health. Owen is also the State 4-H VP for District 12. Also speaking was Gabriella Hare, 749 CR 2340. Gabriella is the Secretary for the local 4-H Chapter and is also is also President of the Ricardo Junior Honor Society. The Resolution was signed by Judge Madrid and all of the Commissioners and has been entered into record. We thanked the 4-H Club for the delicious cookies that the shared with us and the public.

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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

AV Air Solutions--\$9,650.00
Aransas County--\$4,440.00
Andurra Group, Inc--\$13,200.00
Baker & Taylor--\$831.05
Birdwell Computer Services--\$9,964.14
Birdwell Computer Services--\$501.17
Companion Life Ins. Co.--\$1,754.23
Donald Hubert Construction Co--\$57,346.94
Exiquio Villarreal Welding--\$1,500.00
Galls LLC--\$347.07
GT Distributors--\$8,900.00
Harrell-Kingsville Pharmacy--\$2,421.57
J Dean Craig--\$671.70
Jerrys Heating & Air Conditioning--\$405.00
Jesse Rivera--\$499.95
King Super Store--\$343.59
Kingsville Record--\$1,046.00
Micro Marketing LLC--\$1,154.39
Mutual of Omaha--\$7,602.12
Mutual of Omaha--\$7,326.12
Net Data Corporation--\$11,730.83
Orlando Rosa--\$796.20
Penworthy Company--\$1,013.48
Ponderosa HVAC & Construction--\$750.00
Quill Corporation--\$1,659.60
Quill Corporation--\$861.75
Quill Corporation--\$303.29
Quill Corporation--\$4,186.72
Quill Corporation--\$599.90
Quill Corporation--\$788.16
Quill Corporation--\$338.30
Quill Corporation--\$538.57
Quill Corporation--\$542.76
Ramos Refrigeration--\$715.00
Reyna Network--\$3,611.11
Reyna Network--\$3,000.00
Reyna Network--\$21,000.00
Texas Association of Counties--\$575.00
Texas Association of Counties--\$350.00
Unlimited Welding & Fabrication--\$415.00
US Foodservice Inc.--\$1,701.16
US Foodservice Inc.--\$2,517.76
US Foodservice Inc.--\$1,562.90
US Foodservice Inc.--\$2,524.21
US Foodservice Inc.--\$2,231.17
United States Prisoner Trans--\$705.25
United States Prisoner Trans--\$576.25
United States Prisoner Trans--\$3,502.75

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

Budget Line-Item Transfers

ARPA

091-560-533 to 091-575-530--\$9,002.36

CCAL

010-427-427 to 010-427-492--\$151.00
010-427-580 to 010-427-492--\$100.00
010-427-311 to 010-427-408--\$800.00
010-427-390 to 010-427-408--\$40.00
010-427-426 to 010-427-408--\$300.00

County Attorney

046-475-497 to 046-475-343--189.98
046-475-497 to 046-475-498--\$548.09
046-475-497 to 046-475-499--\$376.51
010-475-202 to 010-475-103--\$3,550.00

County Clerk

010-403-314 to 010-403-462--\$830.90
010-403-499 to 010-403-462--\$330.97
010-403-499 to 010-403-423--\$968.63

District Attorney's Office

010-476-343 to 010-476-203--\$3,000.00
042-488-202 to 042-488-185--\$5,000.00
042-484-486 to 042-484-203--\$18,000.00
042-484-186 to 042-484-103--\$20,000.00
010-476-499 to 010-476-420--\$1,000.00
042-487-493 to 042-487-203--\$800.00

EDA

173-516-497 to 173-516-548--\$196,854.20

EOC

010-409-497 to 010-639-498--\$20,000.00

Extension Office

010-665-105 to 010-665-178--\$1,200.00

Fire Dept

010-545-322 to 010-545-454--\$2,150.00

Human Services

059-645-183 to 059-645-180--\$1,550.00
059-643-333 to 059-643-182--\$3,013.44
059-643-333 to 059-643-201--\$1,138.56
059-643-333 to 059-643-203--\$2,535.88
052-632-195 to 052-632-136--\$3,000.00
052-632-497 to 052-632-136--\$11,473.00
059-643-333 to 059-643-332--\$200.00
059-643-333 to 059-643-420--\$165.00
059-643-333 to 059-643-440--\$250.00
059-643-333 to 059-643-442--\$165.00
059-645-333 to 059-645-332--\$200.00
059-645-333 to 059-645-420--\$325.00
059-645-333 to 059-645-440--\$250.00
059-645-333 to 059-643-462--\$165.00
059-643-333 to 059-643-195--\$1,000.00
059-645-333 to 059-645-195--\$1,000.00

Juvenile Protection

017-570-490 to 017-570-424--\$1,461.00
017-570-202 to 017-570-492--\$4,900.00
017-570-490 to 017-570-486--\$2,497.50
017-570-102 to 017-570-105--\$559.38
017-570-114 to 017-570-145--\$1,392.27
017-570-102 to 017-570-201--\$37.61
017-570-114 to 017-570-204--\$1,694.78
017-570-114 to 017-570-492--\$140.82
017-570-140 to 017-570-492--\$1,860.60
017-570-202 to 017-570-492--\$11,098.92

Kleberg County Attorney Task Force

106-546-426 to 106-546-573--\$5,120.00
106-546-390 to 106-546-499--\$5,000.00
106-546-393 to 106-546-499--\$2,000.00
106-546-358 to 106-546-358--\$5,000.00
106-546-397 to 106-546-499--\$5,000.00
106-546-398 to 106-546-499--\$4,000.00
106-546-493 to 106-546-499--\$7,000.00
106-546-435 to 106-546-499--\$2,000.00

Kleberg Public Library

010-650-314 to 010-650-343--\$1,202.25
010-650-412 to 010-650-343--\$640.22
010-650-420 to 010-650-343--\$1,993.31
010-650-452 to 010-650-343--\$414.36

Maintenance

010-510-381 to 010-510-450--\$2,000.00
010-510-486 to 010-510-450--\$1,300.00
010-510-453 to 010-510-450--\$500.00
010-510-510 to 010-510-450--\$400.00
010-510-545 to 010-510-450--\$300.00
010-510-573 to 010-510-450--\$200.00

Non Dept

010-409-402 to 010-409-497--\$1,500.00
010-409-402 to 010-409-430--\$1,900.00

Road & Bridge Pct. 3

025-623-354 to 025-623-454--\$3,800.00
025-623-354 to 025-623-457--\$10,000.00
025-623-399 to 025-623-457--\$500.00
025-623-426 to 025-623-457--\$800.00
025-623-493 to 025-623-457--\$500.00
025-623-497 to 025-623-457--\$600.00
025-623-498 to 025-623-457--\$500.00
025-623-440 to 025-623-106--\$3,000.00
025-623-452 to 025-623-106--\$1,500.00
025-623-365 to 025-623-106--\$1,450.00
025-623-343 to 025-623-106--\$200.00
025-623-499 to 025-623-106--\$271.00
025-623-597 to 025-623-106--\$1,200.00
025-623-322 to 025-623-106--\$332.00
025-623-310 to 025-623-106--\$150.00
025-623-354 to 025-623-106--\$9,720.52
025-623-354 to 025-623-203--\$1,216.72
025-623-330 to 025-623-203--\$8,000.00

Sheriff

010-560-330 to 010-560-454--\$3,272.44

Veterans

010-407-310 to 010-4070-426--\$100.00
010-407-330 to 010-407-427--\$997.69

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. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered. All Budget Amendments must be in by the next meeting on September 30, 2024.

Budget Amendments

ARPA

091-574-456--\$4,580.00
091-574-560--\$21,450.00

CCAL

010-427-407--\$10,000.00
010-427-408--\$20,000.00

CFE-0479

113-330-500--\$70,546.94
113-500-403--\$13,200.00
113-500-585--\$57,346.94

County Attorney/Law Library

010-537-393--\$100.00

County Judge

010-400-408--\$2,000.00

Gomesa

079-663-540--\$44,372.80

Insurance

088-409-291--\$223,812.57

Jail 512

010-512-428--\$2,294.00
010-512-392--\$3,825.00
010-512-391--\$429.00
010-512-332--\$1,118.36
010-512-497--\$43.19
010-512-195--\$4,840.45
010-512-573--\$22,128.00
010-512-462--\$220.00
010-512-404--\$1,334.38
010-512-397--\$17.22
010-512-404--\$3,248.17
010-512-453--\$87.00
010-512-462--\$800.13
010-512-440--\$49.76
010-512-405--\$250.00
010-512-354--\$86.07
010-512-341--\$109.68

Sheriff

010-560-397--\$23.99
010-560-359--\$165.89
010-560-354--\$1,009.97
0010-560-341--\$3,035.16
010-560-343--\$9,689.00
010-560-454--\$5,348.00
010-560-422--\$759.00

Sheriff-560

010-560-453--\$261.99
010-560-497--\$378.38
010-560-422--\$759.00
010-560-454--\$995.40
010-560-358--\$1,234.33
010-560-354--\$35.78
010-560-343--\$623.75
010-560-486--\$97.50
010-560-499--\$988.00
010-560-420--\$67.23
010-560-341--\$468.45
010-560-310--\$611.27
010-560-397--\$11.69

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GENDA 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 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 Sheriff's Office—Monthly Report-August-2024
Kleberg County District Clerk AG Report-Monthly Report-August 2024
Kleberg County District Clerk Court Cost-Monthly Report-August 2024
Kleberg County District Clerk Fee Account-Monthly Report-August 2024
Kleberg County Clerk Statutory-Monthly Report-August 2024
Kleberg County JP. PCT #2-Monthly Report-August 2024
Kleberg County JP. PCT #3-Monthly Report-August 2024
Kleberg County JP. PCT #4-Monthly Report-August 2024
Kleberg County Alegiance Mobile-Monthly Report-August 2024
Kleberg County Extension Office-Monthly Report-August 2024

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AGENDA ITEM #5

Presentation on Somerset Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone 1.

Mr. Wiley McIlwain, came before the board to speak about a subdivision he is planning on building here in Kingsville, Texas. He is the owner of Somerset Development Company. Mr. McIlwain stated he has been working for the last two (2)years on this project. Mr. McIlwain hopes the county would be interested in helping fund this project along with the City of Kingsville. He hopes to build affordable housing beginning at \$250,000.00. After listening to Mr. McIlwain, the court decided to table this at this time.

No Action Taken

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AGENDA ITEM #6

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Resolution For 4-H Week.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approving the Resolution for 4-H Week. Commissioner Rosse read a Proclamation designating October 6-12, 2024 as National 4-H Week in Texas, and commend the 4-H Youth Development Program of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the many men and women who have made the program a success. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #7

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Proclamation For National Night Out 2024.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rossi and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve the Proclamation for National Night Out 2024 which will be held on Octobert 1, 2024.

Proclamation is being entered into record. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

AGENDA ITEM #8

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Resolution To Declare October As Domestic Violence Awareness Month In Kleberg County.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approving the Resolution to declare October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Kleberg County. Commissioner Rosse read the proclamation which is being entered into record. J. Dean Craig, Assistant County Attorney handed out a pamphlet that had the different places where they can obtain assistance. Upon vote the motion carried unanimously, and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #9

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Allowing The County Attorney And District Attorney's Office To Light The Courthouse Purple, During The Month Of October, In Recognition And Support Of Victims Of Domestic Violence.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Martinez allowing the County Attorney and District Attorney's Office to light the Courthouse Purple, during the month of October, in recognition and support of Victims of Domestic Violence. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, and so ordered.

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Judge Madrid stated we would be going to Agenda Item #13 and then return to Agenda Item #10

AGENDA ITEM #10

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of An Order Authorizing The Issuance Of "Kleberg County, Texas Tax Notes, Series 2004", Entering Into A Purchase And Investment Letter And Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement: And Approving Other Matters Relating Thereto.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving an order authorizing the Issuance of "Kleberg County, Texas Tax Notes, Series 2004", entering into a Purchase and Investment Letter and Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement: and approving other matters relating thereto. If approved the closing date will be October 24, 2024. Webster Bank will be the one issuing the Tax Note. Judge Madrid called for a roll call vote. All of the Commissioners voted yes. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #11

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Ratifying The Property Tax Increase As Reflected In The FY 2024-2025 Budget.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approved ratifying the Property Tax Increase as reflected in the FY 2024-2025 Budget. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #12

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Setting 2024 Tax Rate, No Discounts,
No Split Payment, And Granting \$12,000 Over 65 Exemption.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving setting the Tax Rate, No Discounts, No Split Payments and Granting \$12,000 over 65 Exemption. Per Tax Assessor-Collector Director Victoria Valadez the tax rate will be 0.7787 beginning October 1, 2024. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #13

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Adopting The Budget For
FY 2024-2025

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez following a roll call vote on this matter. Roll call vote taken by Judge Madrid and everyone including himself voted aye to approve adopting the Budget for YR 2024-2025. Motion carried unanimously.

As there were not any comments from anyone, Judge Madrid made the following statement:

"I want to thank our outstating team, from the County Clerks Office to every office we have in the courthouse, we did an amazing job and our audit and external audit showed it, especially when you come out \$2.5 Million in the positive at a time when we had multi, multi million worth of projects, how's that for a return investment to our taxpayers."

Returning to Agenda Item #10

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AGENDA ITEM #14

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Receiving Proposals For Road &
Bridge Materials For FY 2024-2025.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to receive bids for Road & Bridge Materials for FY 2024-2025. The following companies submitted proposals.

Petroleum Distribution LLC
J.S. Trucking
G&S Property Services
Valero Marketing and Supply Co.
Core & Main, LP
V.T. Collins Inc.
Blades Group, LLC
Wilson Culverts, Inc
Vulcan Materials Co
Martin Marietta

Upon vote, the motion to accept these bids carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #15

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Awarding Proposals For Road & Bridge Materials For FY 2024-2025.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rossi and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to award the following companies contracts on the basis of the proposals that they submitted.

Petroleum Distribution LLC
J.S. Trucking
G&S Property Services
Valero Marketing and Supply Co.
Core & Main, LP
V.T. Collins Inc.
Blades Group, LLC
Wilson Culverts, Inc

The following companies will be used as alternates if the need arises:

Vulcan Materials Co
Martin Marietta

Commissioner Rosse would like to table the bids on Vulcan Material Co and Martin Marietta until next week and bring them back on September 30, 2024.

Upon vote the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #16

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Allowing Kleberg County Sheriff's Department To Utilize Over SB 22 Monies To Purchase One (1) Ford Explorer With All Emergency Lighting Equipment, Duty Weapons And Tases With All Duty Gear.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Martinez and seconded by Commissioner Schultz approved on allowing the Kleberg County Sheriff's Department to utilize over SB 22 monies to purchase one (1) Ford Explorer with all Emergency Lighting Equipment, Duty Weapons and Tasers with all Duty Gear. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #17

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

******Tabled Until September 30, 2024******

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AGENDA ITEM #18

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval To Ratify The Reclassification Of A Full-Time Employee From The Jail To The Sheriff's Budget.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Rosse approved to Ratify the

Reclassification of a Full-Time Employee from the Jail to the Sherriff's Budget. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #19

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of A Resolution For AWOS Grant And The Estimated Timeline For Kleberg County Airport.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve a Resolution for AWOS Grant and the estimated timeline for Kleberg County Airport. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #20

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Kleberg County Holidays For 2025.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving the Kleberg County Holidays for 2025. Upon vote, motion was carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #21

Convene Into Public Hearing On United States Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) Application

- A. Public Hearing—Judge Madrid opened hearing.
- B. Public Comments—There are no public comments. Judge states he sat down with George from Fulcrum and did a County Assessment. It's pretty easy as I know the things we need already and we have a wish list. We really looked at potential projects on how the money, if won, could be spent in the best interest of the community. We divided it into different areas. There's one I think David Garcia doesn't know about and neither does Commissioner Salinas was one thing we threw in there. You know how we have problems with the Human Services building, ever since I took office we have had problems with it, roof problems, electrical problems, things of that nature. That would be allowing improvements for that facility because they do support things like chill zones and warming centers for the community. we would need generators and things of that nature. But they also are promoting healthy life styles so what we talked about creating the Botanical Garden Walking Trail we have been talking about for some time would become a reality. Just to give you a visual it will be fenced in, during the daytime the Seniors can use it and in the evening the public can use it. It will have the walking trail in the middle. Think of it as a circle. It is going to be a nice walking trail. Think of it as a big circle with a pond in the middle with ducks and a fountain in the middle. We are going to plot it out to 20 X 40 plats and let's say we make 50 plats, we are going to allow the community to adopt some of them, free of charge. We are going to run underground water and 110 electricity to them. Let's say the City of Kingsville wanted to adopt one of the plats. When you walk into the Botanical Garden, now your entering a place similar to Epcot Center, but it's Kingland. They can decorate it any way they want. They can add a Gazebo, benches, floral arrangements, grass. Groups such as the 4-H Chapter, the high school, the university can apply for a plat. That's just a thought, we build

the foundation and give away the plats to persons and groups who apply for them. It would be something great for our community, our Senior Citizens and so many of our people. Now let me have you hear from George Lazaro.

Hello, I'm George Lazaro with Fulcrum Consulting Services the Engineering services that were selected to go with the planning of the for the EPA Community Grant. Our best person Petra Reyna had to walk out, but we had a chance to meet with Rudy and discuss potential projects the county could undertake that are eligible under this funding opportunity. The Judge indicates it's an opportunity for the county to capture about \$20 million in grant monies without having a match component, and the idea is to provide a resilient structure to the community due to climate change. We all know that we are having colder winters, warmer summers, more intense storms and as part of that it's merging the technology of everyone else, wind energy, solar panels to try and make the infrastructure a lot stronger. One of the keys is part of this money has to be allocated for a resilient center and that was what the Judge was talking about. This facility, I know, requires upgrades but I know it requires prime candidate for dedicating \$2-\$3M towards it. What will that money do, it allows you as a county to go in and rehabilitate it and make it following a green concept and re-roof it with a cool roof. Once that is done you can come in and put in solar panels to be able to provide power to the facility and of course save the county money on electrical, also upgrade to the most efficient HVAC units to conserve energy, put in the necessary rain loggers so we capture rain and we can harvester system to water some of the cells the Judge is indicating. Along with that equipment permeable basis technology that would capture water to a pond concept and of course it's all about enhancing the living environment and also putting in a walking trail so people can enjoy it, also planting trees that are natural to the area. It must meet all the criteria. Drainage is also another thing that can be worked on. There's always a need for additional water supply in the area. We talked about working with a non-profit water supply company in the city and provide additional ground water wells and along with that to make that green. Implementing of solar panels for wind turbines to enhance the power, the same thing there are areas in the city that are now creating the waste water with on site septic systems. This program is all about doing away with these pollution problems and coming in and putting in a conventional waste water collection system and again that comes with decommissioning ground septic tanks, piping all of that to a lift system and again this program those pumps need to operate using turbine power or solar power to enhance that. Also there is the opportunity to come in and with these monies and help those economic disadvantaged folks that live in mobile homes the program allows the candidate to come in, take that mobile home and give them a brand new one with the most efficient appliances and equipment with solar panes that will help them pay for that. The weatherization program is also very good and this money can be used for helping these folks. It can also be used for drainage issues. It is a very good program.

So the Judge has given us directions as to what is coming with a proposed lay out. You can expect us coming back to you and present to you and the Commissioners as we come forward.

We have a November 21, 2024 deadline to get application in. Our intend is to get it in by the end of October 2024. Why, because these are rolling type applications. These are applications that are reviewed as soon as they are received. They have allocated \$2B in November 2022, as of July only \$325,000.00 has been used. There are \$150M allocated for "border cities"

and we fall under this category. We are real excite to have been selected to put this application together. We look forward to doing a good job for the county. I think our odds are pretty good and look forward to seeing you in the future. Part of this program is that the applicant hold a public meeting to give the citizens an opportunity to hear what the intend of the funding is and also if they have any input. We would love to forward that to the Judge's office so we can have that for our records. Judge if you have any questions, that is my presentation.

Judge states this is a hug opportunity for Kleberg County. We are going to put our heads together and really knock one out of the park. We are requesting \$20M, that will put a lot of people to work and create a great opportunity. We are going to knock it out by the end of October, so if there is any question and suggestions please let us know. If there is any request for more information, we can get back to them.

Commissioner Schultz asked if that will help the lift station in Ricardo to which Judge Madrid replied that it will help the lift stations both in Ricardo and Riviera, Baffin Bay and the coastal homes.

C. Closes Public Hearing

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AGENDA ITEM #22

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of A Resolution Authorizing The Submittal Of A Federal Assistance Application To The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Under The Community Changes Notice Of Funding Opportunity.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve the Resolution authorizing the submittal of a Federal Assistance Application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Community Changes of Notice Of Funding Opportunity. 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 For The County Judge To Advertise For RFP For Incubator Technical Assistance.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve the County Judge to advertise for RFP for Incubator Technical Assistance. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, and so ordered.

AGENDA ITEM #24

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Creating Line Item(s) 058-66-195, 059-643-195 and 059-645-195 Overtime For Kleberg County Human Services.

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

As per Melissa Green, Auditor, requests to create Line Items do not need an approval from Commissioners Court.

AGENDA ITEM #25

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Request For Waiver Of Rental Fee For County Facilities

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

AGENDA ITEM #26

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Setting November 1, 2024 As The Last Day To Turn In Purchase Orders, Reconciliation Reports And Receipts For FY 2024

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve the request of Setting November 1, 2024 as the last day to turn in Purchase Orders, Reconciliation Reports and Receipts for FY 2024.

AGENDA ITEM #27

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of A Memorandum Of Understanding Between Kleberg County Attorney's Specialized Task Force And Kleberg County Judge's Office For Use Of A 2022 GMC Sierra 1500 (VIN #6825).

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Kleberg County Attorney's Specialized Task Force and Kleberg County Judge's Office for use of a 2022 GMC Sierra 1500 (VIN #6825). Upon vote, motion carried unanimously, and so ordered.

AGENDA ITEM #28

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Resolution For 2024 Kleberg County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Madrid and seconded by Commissioner Schultz to approve Resolution for 2024 Kleberg County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously, and so ordered.

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

Maggie Salinas is requesting a donation for the purchase trees.

Millings are ready to be picked up at CR 772 and Hwy 77.

Judge spoke to Bill Donnell, Public Works Director with the City of Kingsville, and will be giving the City approximately 25 loads of milings to use for projects the City is working on.

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.

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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

