THE STATE OF TEXAS \* COMMISSIONERS’ COURT

COUNTY OF KENEDY \* OF KENEDY COUNTY, TEXAS

On the 11th day of January, 2021, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., a regular meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Kenedy County, Texas, was held in the Kenedy County Courthouse by phone conference by calling **Toll Free): 1 877-568-4106 Access Code: 814-421-533, Audio Pin: #**

**Commissioners present:**

Louis E. Turcotte, III County Judge

Joe Recio, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

Israel Vela, Jr., Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

Sarita Armstrong-Hixon, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

Gumecinda "Cindy" Gonzales, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

**Also present:**

Veronica Vela, County & District Clerk

Cynthia Salinas, County Treasurer

Irma Longoria, County Tax Assessor/Collector

Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant

Allison Strauss, County Attorney

Jose E. Mendietta, Fire Chief

Juan Guzman, Sheriff’s Dept.

JP Cecilia Schulz

JP Patti Fain

Ramon Salinas, III, County Sheriff

Ruben Hernandez, Maintenance Supervisor

Thomas Denney, Chief Appraiser

**Absent**:

Daniel Almeida

**CALL TO ORDER**

Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III called the meeting to order.

1. **Receive Public Comments**.

Allen Brown with the Kenedy County Fire & Emergency Services District No. 1 office addressed the Commissioners’ Court regarding Constable Joseph Clements election for an investigation was being made as to Joseph Clements’ residence in Kenedy County and requested that no action regarding the Constable’s resignation be taken until the investigation is completed.

Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III thanked Mr. Brown.

1. **Discuss & Act on the Regular Minutes for December 11, 2020 and Special Minutes for December 18, 2020**.

Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III presented the Commissioners’ Court Minutes of the regular December 11, 2020 and special December 18, 2020 meetings.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr. seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the minutes of the regular Commissioners’ Court December 11, 2020 and special Commissioners’ Court December 18, 2020, meetings be accepted as presented.

1. **Discuss & Act on Treasurer’s Monthly Report and Transfers**.

Cynthia Salinas, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Monthly Report and Transfers for the month ending December 31, 2020.

Commissioner Joe Recio moved and Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the Treasurer's Monthly Report and Transfers ending December 31, 2020, be accepted as presented.

1. **Receive Daniel Almeida and Act on the Sewer & Water System Monthly Report**.

Daniel Almeida was not present; therefore, no report was given.

Commissioner Gumecinda “Cindy” Gonzales moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that this item be tabled.

1. **Discuss & Act on Sheriff’s Monthly Report**.

Deputy Eddie Cruz presented the Sheriff’s monthly report to the Commissioners’ Court for the month ending December 31, 2020.

This being a report only, no vote was needed and none was taken.

1. **Discuss & Act on Fire Chief’s Monthly Report**.

Fire Chief Jose E. Mendietta presented the Fire District’s monthly report to the Commissioners’ Court for the month ending December 31, 2020.

This being a report only, no vote was needed and none was taken.

1. **Discuss & Act on the Maintenance Department Monthly Report**.

  Ruben Hernandez, Maintenance Supervisor, presented the Commissioners’ Court with the Maintenance Department’s written monthly report for the month ending December 31, 2020 including that a dog had bitten a child that had required surgery and the County Attorney would address the issue, if needed.

This being a report only, no vote was needed and none was taken.

1. **Receive Mary Mora and Act on the Grant Monthly Report**.

Mary Mora presented the Commissioners’ Court with her monthly Grant report. She reported as follows:

**Housing Grant: Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA)** - This is the “Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance”. It is a “no match” for the County with a maximum of $400,000.00, enough to reconstruct four homes. The target households are for those living in the worst conditions, often the elderly and disabled. The homes must be owned and occupied and must agree to live in the house for a certain period of time. David Salazar, Evangelina Ramirez and now Janie Gonzales are ready to move forward when the TDHCA funding increase goes into effect in late this month. I spoke with GrantWorks last week and was told they were in the process of putting together a new bid package. They stated they would let us know when we go out for bids again.

**Community Development Grant 2019-2020, $300,000.00; Grant #7219220** - Activities: This Grant is for the piping/valve replacement at the WWTP Lift Station, Pumps, and Controls for the WWTP Pond Pumps, replacing pond piping, relining one of the ponds and first-time water & sewer services. We are moving along nicely. Advertisement for bids were sent to the newspaper to run on January 14 and 21. The pre-bid meeting is scheduled for January 28 and bid opening on February 4.

**Colonia Grant; Grant for $500,000.00; Grant #7219075; February 1, 2020 to January 31, 2022** - Activities: This Grant is for a generator at the WWTP, the Lift Station will have improvements rehabbing the wet well, replacing the pond pumps, relining another pond, and new water & sewer services. We are moving along nicely. Advertisement for bids were sent to the newspaper to run on January 14 and 21. The pre-bid meeting is scheduled for January 28 and bid opening on February 4.

**CTIF (Road Grant); Grant for $295,360.00** – The Administration for this grant is Langford Community Management Services. The application along with all the Road Reports were submitted to TxDot on May 27, 2020. We received the “award letter” on June 23, 2020. The County was awarded $295,360.00 with a match from the county of 73,840.00 for a total project cost of $369,200.00. All reports have been sent to TxDot. TxDot should be emailing the contract to the Judge for signature. I did check with Petra last week and she has not received the contract. I also emailed Jill from Landford Admin asking her if she had any info regarding the contract and she has not responded.

**Hazard Mitigation Project Plan** - This is the grant to develop a “Local Area Hazard Mitigation Plan” for Kleberg County, the City of Kingsville, and Kenedy County. GrantWorks was contracted as the Administrative Service and LNV Engineering for engineering service. There will only be cost if monies become available and Kenedy County requests an application be submitted. I sent an email to Wendy from GrantWorks asking how we can go over some of the projects on the list she sent us last month. She stated it would be good the start procurement in order to develop a project for the 2021 submission cycle. She went on to say they will probably announce in October that applications are due in December so the window is short from announcement to submission. So, it is important if we want to apply for a project, we have the administrative service, engineering service and a project in mind before October. Important fact to know is that there are costs for the application for submission. If we get funded, this cost will be reimbursed. If we do not, it will be a County cost.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the recommended project for the Hazard Mitigation Project Plan be approved.

1. **Discuss & Act on Opening the Sam Noble Park with Limitations & Provisions as Set by the Commissioners’ Court**.

Commissioner Gumecinda “Cindy” Gonzales and Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III informed the Commissioners’ Court that Kleberg and Willacy Counties have opened their parks with restrictions.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that to not open Sam Noble park in Sarita and to table this item until next month.

1. **Discuss & Act on Appointing Four Commissioners to the Kenedy County Fire & Emergency Services District No. 1**.

Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III informed the Commissioners’ Court that three commissioners needed to be appointed to serve for 2-year terms and that due to Mitchell Thomas and Michelle Alegria resigning, that two commissioners needed to be appointed to complete Mitchell Thomas and Michelle Alegria’s terms on the Kenedy County Fire & Emergency Services District No. 1.

Commissioner Gumecinda "Cindy" Gonzales moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the following persons be appointed to serve as Commissioners on the Kenedy County Fire & Emergency Services District No. 1:

William Dieterle – 2-year term (January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022)

Melinda Vela - 2-year term (January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022)

Lonnie Allen Brown - 2-year term (January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022)

Roberto Alegria - 1-year term to complete Michelle Alegria’s term (January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021)

Edward “Sonny” Burns – 1-year term to complete Mitchell Thomas’ term (January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021)

1. **Discuss & Act on Constable Joseph Clements Resignation and Performing His Constable Duties as Part of His Employment with the Sheriff’s Office**.

Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III informed the Commissioners’ Court that Constable Joseph Clements had resigned as constable; however, he would be performing his constable duties as part of his employment with the Sheriff’s Office.

Commissioner Gumecinda "Cindy" Gonzales moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Constable Joseph Clements’ resignation be accepted as presented provided he submits a letter of resignation. Joseph Clements proceeded to submit his letter of resignation.

1. **Receive Report on Kenedy County Commissioners’ Court Comments on the 2020 Kenedy County Census and Set Date for the Kenedy County Reapportionment Committee to Meet to Recommend Kenedy County Precinct Boundary Changes, if Necessary**.

Leo Villarreal inquired if the Commissioners had any comments regarding the 2020 Kenedy County Census and informed the Commissioner Court that a date would be set for the Kenedy County Reapportionment Committee to meet, review the 2020 Kenedy County Census and to recommend Kenedy County Precinct Boundary changes, if necessary.

This being a report only, no vote was needed and none was taken.

1. **Discuss & Act on an Order Regarding the Killing of Dogs in the Sarita Townsite by Firearms or Any Other Means by Private Citizens**.

Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III and Leo Villarreal informed the Commissioners’ Court that Sarita residents had been killing dogs with firearms in the Townsite of Sarita and that Allison Strauss had provided the state law regarding this matter.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr. seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that this item be tabled.

1. **Discuss & Act on Entering into a Contract with Animal Medical Clinic Regarding Housing and Treating Stray Dogs from Sarita Townsite**.

Leo Villarreal informed the Commissioners’ Court that he was working with Debra Carrillo, the Animal Medical Clinic manager to develop a contract, but that the contract terms are still not complete.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr. seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the Sarita Stray Dogs be picked up and taken to the Animal Medical Clinic pursuant to the Kenedy County Dog Order dated November 9, 2020.

1. **Discuss & Act on Paying and Approving Public Official Bonds for Newly Elected Officials.**

**Irma Longoria, Tax Assessor Collector ($178.00 & $710.00)**

**Joseph W. Clements, Constable ($178.00)**

**Jose Recio, Commissioner ($178.00)**

**Allison Strauss, County Attorney ($178.00)**

**Sarita Armstrong Hixon, Commissioner ($178.00)**

Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III informed the Commissioners’ Court it was necessary to approve and pay the Public Official Bonds for the newly elected officials: Irma Longoria, Tax Assessor/Collector, Jose Recio, Commissioner, Allison Strauss, County Attorney and Sarita Armstrong-Hixon, in the amount of $178.00 each, except Joseph W. Clements, who had submitted his resignation.

Commissioner Gumecinda "Cindy" Gonzales moved and Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr. seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the Public Official Bonds for the newly elected officials: Irma Longoria, Tax Assessor/Collector, Jose Recio, Commissioner, Allison Strauss, County Attorney and Sarita Armstrong-Hixon, be approved and paid in the amount of $178.00 each, except for Joseph Clements, Constable.

1. **Discuss & Act on Proposal from Jerry’s Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc. ($8,600.00)**

Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III informed the Commissioners’ Court that Jerry’s Heating and Air Conditioning has submitted a proposal for maintenance of the County’s heating and air conditioning systems in the annual amount of $8,600.00.

Commissioner Joe Recio moved and Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr. seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Jerry’s Heating and Air Conditioning proposal for maintenance of the County’s heating and air conditioning systems be approved in the annual amount of $8,600.00.

1. **Presentation by Chief Appraiser for Kenedy County Central Appraisal District on the Topic of Real Property Exemptions Available to Property Owners, ie, Homestead Exemptions, Over 65 Exemptions, Agricultural Productivity Valuations, Wildlife Exemption, Etc**.

Thomas Denney, Chief Appraiser for Kenedy County Central Appraisal District informed the Commissioners’ Court on the topic of real property exemptions available to property owners, i.e., homestead exemptions, over 65 exemptions, agricultural productivity valuations, wildlife exemption, etc.

This being a report only, no vote as needed and none was taken.

1. **Discuss & Act on Interlocal Agreement with Kleberg Co. Livestock Show**.

Fire Chief Jose E. Mendietta and Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III informed the Commissioners’ Court that the original Interlocal Agreement contributing funds to the Kleberg County Livestock Show needed to be considered.

Commissioner Gumecinda "Cindy" Gonzales moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that $6,000.00 be contributed to the Kleberg County Livestock Show.

1. **Discuss & Act on Draw Request #2 for Contract #7219075 for LNV Engineering ($15,500.00)**

Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III and Mary Mora informed the Commissioners’ Court that it was necessary to pay LNV Engineering’s Draw Request #2 for Contract #7219075 in the amount of $15,500.00.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that LNV Engineering’s Draw Request #2 for Contract #7219075 be paid in the amount of $15,500.00 subject to the LNV engineer providing the drainage elevation report and payment of $14,500 from the bonding company for Daniel Almeida moving a manhole from private property to the County easement.

1. **Discuss & Act on Match Payment #2 for Contract #7219075 for GrantWorks ($7,000.00)**

Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III informed the Commissioners’ Court that it was necessary to pay GrantWorks’ Match Payment #2 for Contract #7219075 in the amount of $7,000.00.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that GrantWorks’ Match Payment #2 for Contract #7219075 be paid in the amount of $7,000.00.

1. **Discuss & Act on the Justice of the Peace Office Finding a Solution for Method of Payment for Adobe Acrobat**.

Justice of the Peace Jana Norrell informed the Commissioners’ Court that her office needed to find a solution to pay for the Adobe Acrobat in the Justice of the Peace office.

Commissioner Gumecinda "Cindy" Gonzales moved and Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr. seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Judge Turcotte’s County credit card be used until the Justice of the Peace office can obtain a credit card for their use.

1. **Discuss & Act on Setting a Starting Salary for Justice Court Clerk, Precinct 1, Denise Gutierrez and Setting a Pay Increase Following a Six-Month Probationary Period**.

Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III and Justice of the Peace Jana Norrell informed the Commissioners’ Court a starting salary needed to be set for Justice Court Clerk, Precinct 1, Denise Gutierrez and setting a pay increase following a six-month probationary period ($28,000 for the first six months and increase to $30,000.00 thereafter).

Commissioner Gumecinda "Cindy" Gonzales moved and Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr. seconded the motion; the motion was passed by a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Joe Recio abstaining that the starting salary for Justice Court Clerk, Precinct 1, Denise Gutierrez be set as follows: $28,000.00 for a six-month probationary period and an increase to $30,000.00 thereafter).

1. **Discuss & Act on Compensating Justice Court Clerk, Denise Gutierrez for Her Time Spent in Training Prior to Official Employment (55 Hours) within 2020 Budget**.

Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III informed the Commissioners’ Court of the need to compensate Justice Court Clerk, Denise Gutierrez, for her time spent in training prior to official employment (55 hours) within the 2020 budget.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr. seconded the motion; the motion was passed by a vote of 4-1, with Commissioner Joe Recio abstaining, that Denise Gutierrez be paid in addition to her salary for the 55 hours of training within the 2020 budget.

1. **Discuss & Act on Approving Deputations for Sheriff’s Office Personnel**.

Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III informed the Commissioners’ Court of the need to approve all deputies and dispatchers be sworn in at the Sheriff’s office.

Commissioner Gumecinda "Cindy" Gonzales moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that all duties and dispatchers be sworn in at the Sheriff’s office.

1. **Discuss & Act on Approving a Resolution Towards Application for Operation Stonegarden Solicitation Fy20 Grant Project Proposal 20-RGVRGV-12-005V0 Grant #3172006**.

Deputy Eddie Cruz and Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III informed the Commissioners’ Court of the need to approve and adopt the following resolutions towards Application for Operation Stonegarden Solicitation FY20 Grant Project Proposal 20-RGVRGV-12-005V0 Grant #3172006 as follows:

APPROVING APPLICATION FOR OPERATION STONEGARDEN SOLICITATION FY 20-21 GRANT PROJECT PROPOSAL

FY 20-21 RGVRGV-04-005

GRANT #3712006

WHEREAS, the Kenedy County Commissioners’ Court finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Kenedy County that the Operation Stone Garden – FY 20-21 be operated from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021.

WHEREAS, the Kenedy County Commissioners’ Court agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of Governor funds, the Kenedy County Commissioners’ Court assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, the Kenedy County Commissioners’ Court designates Kenedy County Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III the grantor’s authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenedy County Commissioners’ Court approves submission of the grant application for the Operation Stone Garden – FY 20-21 to the Office of the Governor.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr. seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the Application for Operation Stone Garden FY 20-21 Grant be adopted as follows:

APPROVING APPLICATION FOR OPERATION STONEGARDEN SOLICITATION FY 20-21 GRANT PROJECT PROPOSAL

FY 20-21 RGVRGV-04-005

GRANT #3712006

WHEREAS, the Kenedy County Commissioners’ Court finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Kenedy County that the Operation Stone Garden – FY 20-21 be operated from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021.

WHEREAS, the Kenedy County Commissioners’ Court agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of Governor funds, the Kenedy County Commissioners’ Court assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

WHEREAS, the Kenedy County Commissioners’ Court designates Kenedy County Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III the grantor’s authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenedy County Commissioners’ Court approves submission of the grant application for the Operation Stone Garden – FY 20-21 to the Office of the Governor.

1. **Discuss & Act on Approving Full Salary for Deputy Eddie Cruz from 010-470-142 and Fidel Gonzalez from 010-470-143**.

Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III informed the Commissioners’ Court of the need to approve a full salary for Deputy Eddie Cruz from 010-470-142 and Fidel Gonzalez from 010-470-143.

Commissioner Joe Recio moved and Commissioner Gumecinda "Cindy" Gonzales seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Eddie Cruz be placed on full salary from budget item 010-470-143 and that Fidel Gonzalez be placed on full salary from budget item 010-470-143.

1. **Discuss & Act on Approving Forfeiture Budget for 2021**.

Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III informed the Commissioners’ Court of the need to approve the Sheriff’s Forfeiture Budget for 2021.

Commissioner Gumecinda "Cindy" Gonzales moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the Sheriff’s Forfeiture Budget for 2021 be approved as presented.

1. **Discuss & Act on Updating the AED for Offices**.

Jose E. Mendietta, Fire Chief, informed the Commissioners’ Court of the need to update the AED’s for County offices.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Gumecinda "Cindy" Gonzales seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that seven AED’s be purchased for an amount not to exceed $13,000.00.

1. **Appoint Salary Grievance Committee for 2021**.

  Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III informed the Commissioners Court that a 2021 Salary Grievance Committee needed to be appointed. After due consideration and discussion, the following names were recommended from the Grand Jury: Sandra S. Garcia Burns, Lucia Longoria and Eliza Castillo be appointed to the Kenedy County 2021 Salary Grievance Committee and Juli Ann Salinas be appointed as first Alternate and Tammy Mendez be appointed as second Alternate.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Gumecinda "Cindy" Gonzales seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that: Sarah Garcia and Lucia Longoria be appointed to the Kenedy County 2021 Salary Grievance Committee and Elisa Castillo be appointed as first Alternate and Julia Salazar be appointed as second Alternate.

1. **Place all Offices on Salary Basis and Certify to Same**.

  Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III informed the Commissioners’ Court that all County offices and employees needed to be placed on a salary basis and a Salary Basis Certification Report needed to be filed with the State Comptroller. Cynthia Salinas, County Treasurer, presented to the Commissioners’ Court the 2021 Salaries for the Kenedy County officers and employees.

After due consideration and discussion, Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr. seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that all County officers and employees be and are hereby placed on a salary basis and that certification of same be submitted to the State Comptroller.

1. **Set and Approve all Salaries for 2021**.

Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III informed the Commissioners' Court that the 2021 salaries needed to be set, approved and paid pursuant to the 2021 budget.

After due consideration and discussion, Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Gumecinda "Cindy" Gonzales seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that all 2021 salaries of the Kenedy County officers and employees be set as per the 2021 budget and be paid accordingly, subject to the Commissioners’ Court reconsideration of the 2021 Budget, if necessary.

1. **Approve Auditors for 2020**.

   Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III informed the Commissioners’ Court that auditors needed to be appointed for the County’s 2020 Audit of the Kenedy County Financial Records.

After due consideration and discussion, Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that David Morales with Gowland, Strealy & Morales & Co., CPA, be appointed to audit Kenedy County's 2020 financial records provided Kenedy County receives Daniel Morales Letter of Engagement.

1. **Discuss & Act on Holidays for 2021**.

  Louis E. Turcotte, III County Judge, informed the Commissioners’ Court that the recommended 2020 Holidays are as follows:

Martin Luther King Day Monday, January 18

President’s Day Monday, February 15

Good Friday Friday, April 2

Easter Monday Monday, April 5

Memorial Day Monday, May 31

Independence Day Friday, July 2

Labor Day Monday, September 6

Columbus Day Monday, October 11

Veteran’s Day Wednesday, November 11

Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 25

Day After Thanksgiving Friday, November 26

Day Before Christmas Eve Thursday, December 23

Christmas Eve Thursday, December 24

New Year’s Eve Friday, December 31

Commissioner Gumecinda "Cindy" Gonzales moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Kenedy County’s 2020 County holidays be as follows:

Martin Luther King Day Monday, January 18

President’s Day Monday, February 15

Good Friday Friday, April 2

Easter Monday Monday, April 5

Memorial Day Monday, May 31

Independence Day Friday, July 2

Labor Day Monday, September 6

Columbus Day Monday, October 11

Veteran’s Day Wednesday, November 11

Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 25

Day After Thanksgiving Friday, November 26

Day Before Christmas Eve Thursday, December 23

Christmas Eve Thursday, December 24

New Year’s Eve Friday, December 31

1. **Discuss & Act on Changing Commissioner’s Court Date for October 11, 2021**.

  Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III informed the Commissioners’ Court of the need to change the October 11, 2021 Commissioners’ Court regular meeting date to October 12 2021.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Gumecinda "Cindy" Gonzales seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Kenedy County Commissioners’ Court’s October 11, 2021 Commissioners’ Court regular meeting date be changed to October 12, 2021.

1. **Appoint Historical Committee for 2021-2022. (2019-2020 Members: Patti Fain, Sandra Garcia-Burns, Cecilia G. Schulz and Homero S. Vera)**

  Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III informed the Commissioners Court that a 2021 Historical Committee needed to be appointed. After due consideration and discussion, the following names were recommended Patti Fain, Sandra Garcia-Burns, Cecilia G. Schulz and Homero S. Vera be appointed to the Kenedy County 2021 Historical Committee.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr. seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Patti Fain, Sandra Garcia-Burns, Cecilia G. Schulz and Homero S. Vera be appointed to the Kenedy County 2021 Historical Committee.

1. **Discuss & Act on a Need to Update State of Texas (co.kenedy.tx.us) Email Subscription ($527.67 – Chris Russell)**

Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III informed the Commissioners’ Court of the need to update and pay Chris Russell for the State of Texas (co.kenedy.tx.us) email subscription in the monthly amount of $527.67.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Gumecinda "Cindy" Gonzales seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Chris Russell be paid to update the State of Texas (co.kenedy.tx.us) email subscription in the monthly amount of $527.67.

1. **Discuss & Act on Payment of Bills**.

Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III informed the Commissioners’ Court of the need to pay the bills for the month ending December 31, 2020.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr. seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the bills be paid as presented.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners’ Court, Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Gumecinda "Cindy" Gonzales seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the Kenedy County Commissioners’ Court be adjourned at 11:45 o'clock a.m.

/s/ Louis E. Turcotte, III\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Louis E. Turcotte, III County Judge

/s/ Veronica Vela\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Veronica Vela, County Clerk