THE STATE OF TEXAS \* COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF KENEDY \* OF KENEDY COUNTY, TEXAS

On the 19th day of July, 2021, at 10:30 o'clock a.m., a special meeting of the Commissioners Court of Kenedy County, Texas, was held in the Kenedy County Courthouse.

**Commissioners present:**

Charles E. Burns, 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

Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant

Allison Strauss, County Attorney

Cynthia Salinas, County Treasurer

Irma Longoria, County Tax Assessor/Collector

JP Patti Fain

JP Cecilia Schulz

JP Jerry Miller

Jose E. Mendietta, Fire Chief

Ruben Hernandez, Maintenance Supervisor

Ramon Salinas, County Sheriff

Sandra Guzman, Sheriff’s Dept.

Daniel Almeida

**Absent**:

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Judge Charles E. Burns led the Commissioners’ Court in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Receive Public Comments**.

No public comments were made.

1. **Discuss & Act on Robert “Buck” Alegria’s Request to be Appointed to the Vacant Constable Position in Precinct 4**.

Judge Charles E. Burns informed Roberto Alegria that the Commissioners Court was in a Budget Workshop and would make a decision whether or not to appoint him Constable once all the Budget items were totaled.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that this item be tabled until the Budget is approved.

1. **Discuss & Act on Approving Designation of Kenedy County Tax Office to Calculate and Publish the No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and Voter Approval Tax Rate for 2021 and Any Appropriate Action**.

Irma Longoria, County Tax Assessor/Collector informed the Commissioners Court that the Tax Assessor/Collector Office be designated as the Kenedy County Tax Office to calculate and publish the no-new-revenue tax rate and voter approval tax rate for 2021 and any other applicable tax related matter.

Commissioner Gumecinda “Cindy” Gonzales moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the Tax Assessor/Collector Office be designated as the Kenedy County Tax Office to calculate and publish the no-new-revenue tax rate and voter approval tax rate for 2021 and any other applicable tax related matter.

1. **Consent Agenda:**
2. **Approval Travel Expenses for Charles Burns to attend the Probate Conference in San Antonio, Tx on August 26th– 27th, 2021. ( $900.00 within budget)**

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the need to approve his attendance of the Probate Conference in San Antonio, on August 25-27, 2021 and for the County to advance $900.00 (within budget).

Commissioner Joe Recio moved and Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the Consent Agenda be accepted as presented.

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

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners’ Court of the need to pay the bills presented.

Commissioner Joe Recio moved and Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the bills be paid as presented.

1. **Discuss & Act on Proposed Budget**.

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court to continue the Budget Workshop to see if the proposed budget could be finalized. The Commissioners Court did not finalize the 2022 Budget and recommended that July 27, 2021, be set as a Special Meeting to finalize a proposed budget.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr. seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that a Special Meeting to set for July 27, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.to finalize the proposed 2022 Budget.

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners’ Court, Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr. moved and Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the Kenedy County Commissioners Court be adjourned at 11:30 o'clock a.m.

/s/ Charles E. Burns

Charles E. Burns, County Judge

/s/ Veronica Vela

Veronica Vela, County Clerk