THE STATE OF TEXAS \* COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF KENEDY \* OF KENEDY COUNTY, TEXAS

On the 28th day of April, 2023, at 9:00 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, County Judge

Joe Recio, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

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

Sarita Armstrong-Hixon, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

Jose Salazar, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

**Also present:**

Veronica Vela, County & District Clerk

Grace Salinas, Administrative Secretary

Allison Strauss, County Attorney

Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant

Stephanie Garza, Elections Administrator

**Absent**:

Cynthia Salinas, County Treasurer

Ramon Salinas, County Sheriff

Irma Longoria, County Tax Assessor

Jana Norrel, JP

Jerry Miller, JP

Patti Fain, JP

Cecelia Schulz, JP

1. **Judge Burns Called the Meeting to Order**.

Judge Charles E. Burns called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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 Approving a Resolution Adopting an Amendment to the 2012 Kenedy County Reapportionment Plan Effective Date April 28, 2023**.

Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant, presented the Commissioners Court with the Resolution Adopting an Amendment to the 2021 Kenedy County Reapportionment Plan effective date April 28, 2023. Attached are the Amended Kenedy County 2021 Reapportionment Plan Adopted October 18, 2021 and Amended April 28, 2023 with the amended legal descriptions and amended map.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the Resolution Adopting an Amendment to the 2021 Kenedy County Reapportionment Plan effective date April 28, 2023 be adopted as presented.

**5.** **Consent Agenda:**

**(A) Approve Registration and Travel Expenses for Charles Burns to attend the 2023 Coastal Bend Hurricane Conference on May 3-4, 2023, in Robstown, Texas ($112.75 within budget).**

**(B) Approve Registration and Travel Expenses for Joe Recio to attend the 2023 Coastal Bend Hurricane Conference on May 3-4, 2023, in Robstown, Texas ($112.75 within budget).**

**(C) Approve Registration and Travel Expenses for Leo Villarreal to attend the 2023 Coastal Bend Hurricane Conference on May 3-4, 2023, in Robstown, Texas ($112.75 within budget).**

**(D) Approve Registration and Travel Expenses for Israel Vela, Jr. to attend the 2023 Coastal Bend Hurricane Conference on May 3-4, 2023, in Robstown, Texas ($112.75 within budget).**

**(E) Approve Registration and Travel Expenses for Sarita Hixon to attend the 2023 Coastal Bend Hurricane Conference on May 3-4, 2023, in Robstown, Texas ($112.75 within budget).**

**(F) Approve Registration and Travel Expenses for Jose Salazar to attend the 2023 Coastal Bend Hurricane Conference on May 3-4, 2023, in Robstown, Texas ($112.75 within budget).**

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the need for the below elected officials to attend the 2023 Coastal Bend Hurricane Conference on May 3-4, 2023 in Robstown, Texas and be advanced $112.75 for travel purposes and that Commissioners Sarita Hixon and Jose Salazar are unable to attend the conference.

Commissioner Joe Recio moved and Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr. seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed the below elected officials attend the following conference and be advanced $112.75 for travel expenses:

(A) Charles Burns attend the 2023 Coastal Bend Hurricane Conference on May 3-4, 2023, in Robstown, Texas ($112.75 within budget).

(B) Joe Recio attend the 2023 Coastal Bend Hurricane Conference on May 3-4, 2023, in Robstown, Texas ($112.75 within budget).

(C) Leo Villarreal attend the 2023 Coastal Bend Hurricane Conference on May 3-4, 2023, in Robstown, Texas ($112.75 within budget).

(D) Israel Vela, Jr. attend the 2023 Coastal Bend Hurricane Conference on May 3-4, 2023, in Robstown, Texas ($112.75 within budget).

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

Judge Charles E. Burns presented the Commissioners Court with the bills that needed payment.

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

**7.** **EXECUTIVE SESSION: TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, §551.074-TO INTERVIEW THE APPLICANTS FOR MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR**.

Judge Charles E. Burns called the Executive Session to order at 9:07 a.m.

**8.** **Open Session: Discuss & Act on Items Addressed in Executive Session**.

Judge Charles E. Burns called the Open Session to order at 11:05 a.m.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr. seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the County conduct background checks and drug tests on Mark Alvarez and Seferino Gutierrez as part of their consideration for employment.

**9.** **Adjournment**

There being no further business at this time to come before the Commissioners Court, Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr. seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the Commissioners Court be adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

/s/ Charles E. Burns

Charles E. Burns, County Judge

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Veronica Vela

Veronica Vela, Clerk of Commissioners Court