

Kleberg County Commissioners' Court Minutes



Regular Session On Monday, July 28, 2025, 1:30 P.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 28TH day of July, 2025 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, County Judge (NP)
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, County Attorney
Melissa Green, County Auditor - (NP)
Priscilla A. Cantu, County Treasurer
Delma Trevino, Chief Deputy Clerk
Janie Espindola, Deputy Clerk

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

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- **Vicky Benys, 1914 Martin, Kingsville, Texas, 361-522-6271.**

Mrs. Benys addressed the Court regarding ****81's Heroes****, an organization established following the passing of Senior Officer Sherman Benys on November 4, 2021. The name "81's Heroes" honors his badge number, 81. The organization is dedicated to supporting the men and women who risk their lives daily to keep the community safe. 81's Heroes provides assistance to first responders through funding for equipment, training, counseling, and other urgent needs. The organization recently purchased a dog for \$8,000.00, which is currently being trained as an explosive's detection dog. Mrs. Benys noted that a Golf Tournament is planned in the near future to help raise funds. Due to a shortage of golf carts at the previous tournament, the group plans to rent additional carts at a cost of approximately \$100.00 each. She also reported that 81's Heroes has provided assistance to the Kingsville Fire Department and made donations to the Kleberg County Fire Department. Mrs. Benys stated that the organization is currently seeking sponsors for the upcoming Golf Tournament. Commissioner Rosse advised her to contact Chief of Staff Frances Garcia regarding sponsorship opportunities.

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AGENDA ITEM #1

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approving Payment Of Bills.

The above matter coming for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve bills presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

Bills

- Animal Medical Clinic--\$548 .69
- Axon Enterprise, Inc--\$52,172.80
- Aransas County--\$16,206.00
- Capital One, N.A.--\$4,999.51
- Charm-Tex--\$904.10
- Charm-Tex--\$1,083.60
- Christus Spohn Health System--\$899.63

Colossus Inc--\$4,130.00
 Colossus Inc--\$857.00
 Election Systems & Software--\$17,474.49
 Ray Fernandez, MD, PLLC--\$5,000.00
 Ray Fernandez, MD, PLLC--\$3,000.00
 Firetrol Protection Systems--\$547.00
 Firetrol Protection Systems--\$1,924.50
 Galls LLC--\$508.83
 Gulf Coast Paper--\$338.52
 Harrel-Kingsville Pharmacy--\$5,992.92
 Indigent Healthcare Solution--\$1,059.00
 Ingram Library Services LLC--\$786.50
 Interagency Extradition Serv--\$450.00
 Interagency Extradition Serv--\$473.00
 Jim Hogg County Sheriff--\$1,875.00
 King Super Store--\$329.52
 Kofile Technologies, Inc.--\$3,600.00
 Kologik Software Inc--\$13,658.14
 Evelyn Mireles--\$524.42
 Ponderosa HVAC &Construction--\$825.00
 Quill Corporation--\$335.04
 Ramirez-Salinas Funeral Home--\$4,975.00
 Daniel Andres Ramos--\$15,352.00
 Rod's Parts & Supplies Inc.--\$1,345.66
 Rodriguez & Sons Plumbing--\$454.45
 Sewell Ford, Inc--\$56,372.50
 Sirchie Acquisitions Company--\$696.69
 Spiral Interactive LLC--\$1,250.00
 Standard & Associates, Inc.--\$416.76
 Texas Associates of Counties--\$550.00
 Turcotte-Piper Mortuary--\$995.00
 US Foodservice, Inc--\$2,374.49
 US Foodservice, Inc--\$1,946.44
 US Foodservice, Inc--\$408.86
 US Foodservice, Inc--\$2,077.54
 US Foodservice, Inc--\$2,242.87
 Universal Fire & Safety Inc--\$ 2,496.08
 Victory Supply LLC--\$5,270.00
 Zarsky Lumber Company--\$604.08

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

Budget Line-Item Transfers

Human Services

058-637-497 to 058-637-454--\$720.00
 058-637-497 to 058-637-330--\$1,000.00
 058-637-344 to 058-637-330--\$200.00
 059-643-354 to 059-043-339 --\$1,375.00
 128-632-202 to 128-632-330--\$2,000.00

Jail 512

010-512-418 to 10-512-322--\$892.00
 010-512-453 to 010-512-322--\$975.00

010- 512-418 to 010-512-322--\$547.00

Kleberg County Task Force

856-549-330 to 856-549-573--\$1,156.46
253-549-427 to 253-549-573--\$20,000.00
253-549-427 to 253-549-202--\$3,600.00

Maintenance

010-510- 451 to 010-510-450--\$8,500.00

Non-Dept

010-695-325 to 010-695-497--\$37,874.45

Road & Bridge Pct# 3

025-623-497 to 025-623-388--\$310.00
025-623-497 to 025-623-453--\$500.00

Sheriff

010-560-107 to 010-560-106--\$1,000.00

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. Treasurer Priscilla A. Cantu reported that the county has just enough funds to cover payroll through December and suggested that departments reallocate funds as needed to make ends meet. Commissioner Rosse noted that there are over \$150,000.00 in budget amendment requests and expressed a desire to help but emphasized that funds are currently tight, recommending that the requests be tabled until later. Commissioner Schultz stressed that essential expenses, such as electricity and food, must be paid and that overtime should be minimized, to which Ms. Cantu responded, "it is not happening." The motion was brought to a vote and carried 3 to 1, with Commissioner Rosse opposing.

Budget Amendments

Elections--\$1,250.00

Human Services

059-643-180--\$13,292.00
059-643-181--\$7,074.00
059-643-182--\$8,979.90
059-643-201-- \$1,987.77
059-643 -202-- \$4,248.00
059-643-203--\$10,019.17
059-643-330--\$1,163.00
059-643-332--\$1,975.00
059-643-333--\$15,000.00
059-643-339--\$4,000.00
059-643-341--\$500.00
059-643-420--\$1,100.00
0509-643-442--\$900.00
059-643-440--\$1,895.00
059-643-441--\$257.00

059-643-462--\$550.00
059-645-333--\$5,392.00
059-645-339--\$266.00
059-645-440--\$500.00
059-645-444--\$400.00
059-645-442--\$500.00

J.K. Northway

010-636-440--\$26,000.00

Jail

010-512-440--\$27,000.00
010-512-453-- \$9,466.03
010-512-426-- \$6,113.30
010-512-497--\$2,119.71
010-512-350--\$2,490.75
010-512-426--\$2,296.10
010-512-486--\$972.00
010-512-341--\$96.00
010-512-427--\$2,390.66
010-512-310--\$977.78
010-512-195--\$14,102.76

Juvenile Probation

012-571-492--\$25,550.00

Sheriff

010-560-453--\$586.25
010-560-462--\$1,172.46
010-560-310--\$300.22
010-560-314--\$206.52
010-560-462--\$184.23
010-560-311--\$324.92
010-560-486--\$372.25
010-560-454--\$4,679.22
010-560-405--\$125.00
010-560-499--\$5,310.00
010-560-435--\$393.10
010-560-341--\$255.72
010-560-358--\$380.24
010-560-354--\$608.24

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

Monthly Reports

Kleberg County Auditor's Office Monthly Report-May 2025
Kleberg County Auditor's Office Monthly Report-June 2025
Kleberg County Clerk's Statutory Monthly Report-June 2025

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AGENDA ITEM #5

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Request From The Dream True Foundation For A Donation.

Judy Colston, representing the Dream Come True Foundation, appeared before the Court to provide information on the 7th Annual **Flavors of South Texas** event, which benefits the Foundation. She requested that Kleberg County sponsor a table for the event. Commissioner Schultz offered to donate \$1,000.00; however, County Attorney Kira Talip-Sanchez advised that the county is not able to provide sponsorship at this time. Mrs. Colston expressed her understanding of the county's current financial situation.

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AGENDA ITEM #6

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Kleberg County Pipeline / Road Crossing Permit With Bay Pipeline LLC.

Tabled Until Judge Returns

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AGENDA ITEM #7

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Redfish Estates Homeowners Association Withdrawing Their Request For The Placement Of Flush Hydrants.

No Action

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AGENDA ITEM #8

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Allowing The County Attorney To Notify APG&E That Kleberg County Will Not Renew The Contract With Them.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve the County Attorney to review whether it is legally possible to terminate the contract, which is set to expire in 2026. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and was so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #9

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Using Up To \$8,500.00, From The District Attorney's Asset Forfeiture Chapter 59 Funds, To Repair The Air Conditioner At The District Attorney's Office Annex. The Repairs Will Be Arranged By The Kleberg County Maintenance Department.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to authorize the use of up to \$8,500.00 from the District Attorney's Asset Forfeiture Chapter 59 Funds for repairs to the air conditioner at the District Attorney's Office Annex. The Kleberg County Maintenance Department will oversee the repairs. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and was so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #10

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On A Public Information Ad, For Operation Game Thief, In The 2025 South Texas Quail Coalition Program, In The Amount Of \$500.00. This Will Be Paid From The District Attorney's Asset Forfeiture Chapter 59 Funds.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve a public information ad, for Operation Game Thief, in the South Texas Quail Coalition Program, in the amount of \$500.00. This will be paid from the District Attorneys Asset Forfeiture Fund. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #11

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of The HAVA Grant 2025, For New And Updated Election Equipment Needed To Be In Compliance With Secretary Of State Election Division Guidelines.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve the acceptance of the HAVA (Help America Vote Act) Grant in the amount of \$42,500.00, with a required local match of \$8,500.00, for the purchase of new and updated election equipment. This equipment is necessary to ensure compliance with the Secretary of State Election Division Guidelines. County Clerk Salvador Barrera III has confirmed the grant amount and matching requirement. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #12

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of An \$80,000.00 Budget Amendment, For Kleberg County Human Services, To Cover Projected Costs For Its Nutrition Program For FY 2024-2025

This was already approved through Budget Amendments

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AGENDA ITEM #13

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of A Donation To The Brush Country CASA , In The Amount Of \$500.00, For Their Annual Color Run 5K Walk/Run, On Saturday, August 2, 2025. This Donation Will Be From The District Attorney's Asset Forfeiture Chapter 59 Funds.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve a donation of \$500.00 to Brush Country CASA for their Annual Color Run 5K Walk/Run, scheduled for Saturday, August 2, 2025. This donation will be funded from the District Attorney's Asset Forfeiture Chapter 59 Funds. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #14

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approving Enterprise Texas Pipeline LLC, Formerly Known As South Texas Gas Gathering Co., To Perform Cathodic Protection On A Pipeline Approved On September 12, 1960, As Required By Tx. R.R.C.

Railroad Commission requested inspection of pipeline.

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AGENDA ITEM #15

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Allowing The County Judge To Advertise For Bids For Road And Construction Materials For FY 2025-2026.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve allowing the County Judge, Rudy Madrid to advertise for bids for road and construction materials for FY 2025-2026. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #16

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Approval Of Payment To The City Of Kingsville, In The Amount Of \$41,568.07, For Payment 2 Of 3, Of Radio System Upgrade Project.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve payment to the City of Kingsville, in the amount of \$41,568.07, for payment 2 of 3, of radio system upgrade project. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #17

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Allowing The County Judge, On Behalf Of Kleberg County, To Accept Of Lots One (1), Two (2) And The West One Half (W ½) Of Lot Three (3), Block Seventy-Five (75), Original Townsite Of Kingsville, From ERF Real Estate Inc.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve the County Judge, Rudy Madrid on behalf of Kleberg County, to accept of lots one (1), two (2) and the west one half (W ½) of lot Three (3), Block Seventy-Five (75), original townsite of Kingsville, from ERF Real Estate Inc. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #18

Adjourn Into Executive Session Under Texas Govt. Code 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property.

Court Adjourned at 2:08 P.M to go into Executive Session

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Returned to Regular Session at 3:55PM

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AGENDA ITEM #19

Return To Open Session And Act On The Appropriate Action As Deemed Necessary.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve the release of the contract executed on April 4, 2025, regarding property identified as Baffin Bay Estates, Block Four (4), Lots One (1) and Two (2) of Blocks 1, 2, 3, and 4, consisting of approximately 0.6 acres of land located in Kleberg County, Texas, between Kleberg County and Larry Stifflemire and Rebecca Stifflemire. The Board also authorized the seller to retain escrow funds and thereby release Kleberg County from any and all obligations under the contract. Upon vote, motions carried unanimously and so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #20

Adjourn Into Executive Session Under Texas Govt. Code 551.074 Regarding Personnel Matters With The County Attorney's Task Force.

Court Adjourned at 2:08 P.M to go into Executive Session

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Returned to Regular Session at 3:55PM

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AGENDA ITEM #21

Return To Open Session And Act On The Appropriate Action As Deemed Necessary.

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Salinas and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to approve authorizing the County Attorney to correct an incorrect payment for an employee who did not receive a prior salary adjustment. The adjustment will be \$32.33 per hour. Funding for this correction will come from the Task Force Chapter 59 Forfeiture Fund. Upon vote, motions carried unanimously and so ordered.

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

- Payment needs to be made to Randy Garza, who surveyed the land that was discussed on Agenda Item 19 and 20. Commissioner Rosse will give Frances Garcia an invoice he has.

Pursuant to the authority granted under Government Code, Chapter 551, the Commissioner's Court may convene a closed session to discuss any of the above

agenda items. Immediately before any closed session, the specific sections of Government Code, Chapter 551 that provide statutory authority will be announced.

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