

Kleberg County Commissioners' Court Minutes



Special Session On Monday, July 17, 2025, 10:00 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 17th day of July, 2025 the Commissioners' Court of Kleberg County, Texas, met in Special 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
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 N/P

Also present were:

Kira Talip-Sanchez, County. Attorney
Melissa Green, County. Auditor
Priscilla A. Cantu, County. Treasurer
Delma Trevino, Chief Deputy N/P
Jaine Espindola, Deputy Clerk

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

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:
NONE
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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

- Christus Spohn Health System--\$599.07
- Christus Spohn Health System--\$416.52
- Companion Life Ins. Co.--\$4,509.90
- F&D Floor Covering--\$734.05
- Julissa Gutierrez--\$442.58
- Embassy Suites San Marcos--\$438.94
- Ray Fernandez MD PLLC--\$5,400.00
- Frank Hinds--\$705.50
- Quill Corporation--\$384.58
- Texas Secretary of State--\$10,745.84
- US Foodservice--\$301.83
- US Foodservice--\$2,070.22
- US Foodservice--\$2,240.42

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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 Salinas 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

Human Services

059-643-426 to 059-643-453--\$120.00
059-643-497 to \$059-643-453--\$650.00

Juvenile Probation

012-571-46 to 012-571-412--\$1,730.00
012-571-444 to 012-572-492--\$1,000.00
012-571-480 to 012-571-492--\$30.00
012-571-332 to 012-571-330--\$50.00
017-570-491 to 017-570-492--\$1,013.56

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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 Rosse and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve the budget amendments as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously and so ordered.

Budget Amendments

NONE

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AGENDA ITEM #4

In The Matter Of Discussing and Acting On The Purchase Of 2.230 Acres Out Of Lot One (1), Victoria Subdivision, Riviera Tx, To Preserve Or Protect The Public Health Or Safety Of The Residents Of The County, According To Texas Local Govt. Code 262.024 (2),

The above matter coming on for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Salinas to approve the purchase of 2.230 acres of Lot One (1), Victoria Subdivision, Riviera, Tx, to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the residents of the county, according to Texas Local Govt. Code 262.024 (2). County Attorney Kira Talip-Sanchez stated that Judge Madrid had previously spoken with Jim Allison. After further review, Kira explained that the matter involved a discretionary exemption, meaning the commissioners have the authority to approve or deny it by order. Judge Madrid noted that Jim Allen had advised him to keep the check with the County Auditor. Jim also recommended including the Attorney General item under the Government Code for clarity, so the record would reflect: "A motion to purchase 2.230 acres out of Lot One (1), Victoria Subdivision, Riviera, Texas, to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the residents of the county, according to Texas Local Government Code 262.024." Judge Madrid then recused himself from the discussion. Upon vote, the motion passed 3-1, with Commissioner Rosse voting against it.

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AGENDA ITEM #5

Adjourn into Executive Session Under Texas Govt. Code 551.074 Regarding Personnel Matters With The Volunteer Fire Department. (Judge)

Adjourned into Executive Session at 10:16 A.M.

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AGENDA ITEM #6

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

Returned to Regular Session at 10:32 A.M.

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AGENDA ITEM #7

In The Matter Of Discussing And Acting On Reclassification Of Employment For The Volunteer Fire Department Volunteer(s)

The above matter having come before the Court for consideration, a motion was made by Commissioner Schultz and seconded by Commissioner Martinez to accept the advice of the Texas Association of Counties (TAC), which had advised the County Attorney to reclassify Kleberg County Volunteer Firemen as temporary part-time employees. Upon a vote, the motion carried unanimously and was so ordered.

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AGENDA ITEM #8

Budget Workshop For FY 2025-2026 Budget

Ron Pray—Fire Marshall/Fire Chief

322 New Gear: The gear currently used by the Kleberg County Volunteer Fire Department is more than 10 years old. Recognizing the high cost of replacement equipment, Ron Prayer proposed a phased purchasing plan to acquire a few new sets each year, helping to ease the financial impact on the department. Through the Forest Grant, a portion of the cost will be matched, allowing the department to purchase new gear for 15 firefighters at an estimated total of \$25,936.00.

341 Uniforms: There is a need to outfit fire fighters with T -shirts or Polo Shirts to wear to events that represent Kleberg County.

343 Computer Software: This software will assist in tracking the number of recorded fires and support the training of all firefighters. The total cost is \$4,000.00, which includes a \$1,900.00 training package. A deposit of \$1,948.00 is required to initiate the purchase.

420 Telephone: Requesting authorization for a cell phone allowance.

427 Conferences: A request was submitted for \$790.00 in funding to attend a conference required for recertification. The Forest Service Grant will reimburse the county for this expense. Ron Prayer stated the reimbursement is available for all conferences he or other fire fighters are require to attend. County Auditor Melissa Green noted that any fund received from grants will be deposited back into the general funds.

010-545-454 Tires: The estimated cost to install new tires on each fire truck is \$9,000.00.

573 Foam: A request was made to purchase Class A foam for us in suppressing grass fires.

Pct #3 Constable Jesse Rivera

Constable Rivera has requested new vehicles for all county constables, as the current ones are over 10 years old and have experienced significant wear due to continuous use.

Pct #2 Constable Omar Rosales

Constable Rosales stated that Constable Rivera's comments are accurate. Constable Rosales reported that he had to repair the a/c in his unit at a cost of \$9,000.00.

Additional authorized repairs totaled to \$1,500.00, and other equipment expenses were \$1,000.00. At this time, he is also requesting \$700.00 for a uniform.

VA Representative Orlando Rosa

402—Cell Phone: A cell phone was provided to the van driver, as veterans had been contacting the driver's personal cell.

Mr. Rosa stated that their 2009 Windstar is nearing the end of its service life and expressed appreciation if a newer vehicle could be obtained. He explained that both he and the other driver make frequent trips to San Antonio, the Valley, Corpus Christi, and local appointments. Paisano has provided transportation for veterans to doctor and lab appointments in Corpus Christi; however, veterans often have to wait all day for pickup even when their appointments last only about 15 minutes. On occasion, Paisano has loaned them a vehicle to transport veterans to the Brooks Medical Center in San Antonio. Mr. Rosa also noted that his part-time driver often works beyond scheduled hours due to the time required to ensure veterans are transported safely and efficiently.

Mr. Rosa has been accredited by the Veterans Administration to assist veterans with their medical cases and other related needs. Mr. Rosa provides support not only to veterans in Kleberg County but also to those in neighboring counties.

Melissa Green noted that several departments have allowed part-time employees to work more than 20 or 29 hours per week, which could result in some employees becoming eligible for full-time benefits.

Commissioner Schultz stated that department heads should be reminded to ensure their employees do not exceed their allotted work schedules.

Court adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

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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 provides statutory authority will be announced.

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

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With No Further Business At Hand To Be Considered By The Court At This Time, Adjournment Was Had. Meeting adjourned at 3:10 P.M.



Rudy Madrid, County Judge

ATTEST:



Salvador "Sonny" Barrera, III
County Clerk
Kleberg County, Texas

