THE STATE OF TEXAS \* COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF KENEDY \* OF KENEDY COUNTY, TEXAS

On the 6th day of March, 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

Cynthia Salinas, County Treasurer

Grace Salinas, Administrative Secretary

Ramon Salinas, County Sheriff

Brad Womack, Kleberg Bank

**Absent**:

Allison Strauss, County Attorney

Irma Longoria, County Tax Assessor/Collector

Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant

**1.** **Call Meeting to Order at 9:00 a.m**.

Judge Charles E. Burns called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**2.** **Pledge of Allegiance.**

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

**3.** **Receive Public Comments**.

No public comments were made.

**4.** **Receive Brad Womack, with Kleberg Bank, Investment Policy & Act, If Necessary**.

Brad Womack with Kleberg Bank informed the Commissioners Court of his meeting with Cynthia Salinas, Count Treasurer, and County Judge Charles E. Burns and discussed how the interest rates fluctuated last year and how the raising interest rates affect the interest rates on CD’s. He further reported that investing in US Treasury and Pools is the best investment possible because pools provide the most flexibility. Mr. Womack will provide Cynthia Salinas a rate report on a monthly basis for the Judge and Commissioners Court desired investments.

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

**5.** **Discuss & Act on Advertising of Hiring for the Maintenance Supervisor Position**.

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court that Ferman Garza had resigned as the Maintenance Supervisor effective February 28, 2023.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that an ad for the Maintenance Supervisor position be published for two weeks.

**6.** **Consent Agenda**.

**(A) Approve Lodging and Meals for Johnny Hernandez to Attend the Preparation for TDA Pesticide Applicator License Training in Weslaco, Texas, on March 6-9, 2023 ($634.50 within budget)**

**(B) Approve Lodging and Meals for Ernesto Lerma to Attend the Preparation for TDA Pesticide Applicator License Training in Weslaco, Texas, on March 6-9, 2023 ($634.50 within budget)**

**(C) Approve Lodging and Travel for Cynthia Salinas to Attend the County Management & Risk Conference in Round Rock, Texas on March 21-24, 2023. ($1,104.68 within budget)**

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the need for the below employees/public officials to attend conferences and seminars and expenses be advanced as stated below:

Name: Johnny Hernandez

Seminar: Preparation for TDA Pesticide Applicator License Training

Date: March 6-9, 2023

Place: Weslaco, Texas

Amount: $634.80

Name: Ernesto Lerma

Seminar: Preparation for TDA Pesticide Applicator License Training

Date: March 6-9, 2023

Place: Weslaco, Texas

Amount: $634.80

Name: Cynthia Salinas

Seminar: County Management & Risk Conference

Date: March 21-24, 2023

Place: Round Rock, Texas

Amount: $1,104.68

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr. seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the following employees/public officials attend the below seminars/conferences and be advance/reimbursed the costs thereof provided proper receipts are given:

Name: Johnny Hernandez

Seminar: Preparation for TDA Pesticide Applicator License Training

Date: March 6-9, 2023

Place: Weslaco, Texas

Amount: $634.80

Name: Ernesto Lerma

Seminar: Preparation for TDA Pesticide Applicator License Training

Date: March 6-9, 2023

Place: Weslaco, Texas

Amount: $634.80

Name: Cynthia Salinas

Seminar: County Management & Risk Conference

Date: March 21-24, 2023

Place: Round Rock, Texas

Amount: $1,104.68

**7.** **Discuss & Act on Addressing & Clarifying Vacation Leave Issues & Amending, If Necessary**.

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court that Allison Strauss, County Attorney, was not present; therefore, he recommended that this item be tabled.

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

**8.** **EXECUTIVE SESSION: TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, §551.071, §551.072, §551.073, §551.074- PERSONNEL**

An Executive Session was not necessary and was not held.

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

An Executive Session not being held, this item was not necessary.

**10.** **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 12:22 p.m.

/s/ Charles E. Burns

Charles E. Burns, County Judge

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Veronica Vela

Veronica Vela, Clerk of Commissioners Court