THE STATE OF TEXAS \* COMMISSIONERS’ COURT

COUNTY OF KENEDY \* OF KENEDY COUNTY, TEXAS

On the 15th day of March, 2021, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., a special meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Kenedy County, Texas, was held in the Kenedy County Courthouse.

**Commissioners present:**

Louis E. Turcotte, 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

Ramon Salinas, III, County Sheriff

Lonnie Brown

Ruben Hernandez, Maintenance Supervisor

Jose E. Mendietta, Fire Chief

**Absent**:

Petra Hernandez, Administrative Secretary

Cynthia M. Salinas, County Treasurer

Irma G. Longoria, County Tax Assessor-Collector

Daniel Almeida

JP Patti Fain

Gilbert San Miguel, Sheriff’s Dept.

Allison Strauss, County Attorney

Thomas Denney, Chief Appraiser

JP Cecilia Schulz

Andy Garza, Kenedy County GCD

Eddie Cruz, Sheriff’s Dept.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III called the meeting to order.

1. **Receive Public Comments**.

Lonnie Brown commented that every sheriff in Texas knows that Chapter 59 funds are subject to the Texas Bidding Law and Sheriff Salinas should have a plan for Chapter 59 funds. Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon commented she had done research on Chapter 59 issues and had a copy of Chapter 59 and would like to get a legal opinion from Allison Strauss, Kenedy County Attorney.

1. **Discuss & Act on Receiving Bids for the Sheriff’s Boat Barn Project**.

Leo Villarreal informed the Commissioners’ Court that Chapter 59 funds are subject to the bid law in the Texas Local Government Code; that the Sheriff’s bids do not comply with the bid code because the Sheriff called four contractors and explained what was needed regarding the item to complete the boat barn: 1) electrical lights; 2) water and water trench, dirt, concrete, building electrical powered back and front gate and carport. All four contractors submitted written bids but are on different described items. Therefore, these bids do not comply with the bid code and should be rejected and denied.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the Sheriff’s bids on this item are rejected and denied for they fail to comply with the Texas Local Government Code regarding bids.

1. **Discuss & Act on Awarding the Lowest Bid of a Qualified Bidder**.

Judge Louis E. Turcotte, III informed the Commissioners’ Court that in view of the Sheriff’s non-compliance with the bid law, that this item should also be rejected and denied.

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

1. **Adjournment**.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners’ Court, Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Gumecinda “Cindy” Gonzales seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the Kenedy County Commissioners’ Court be adjourned at 2:30 o'clock p.m.

/s/ Louis E. Turcotte, III

Louis E. Turcotte, III County Judge

/s/ Veronica Vela\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Veronica Vela, County Clerk