THE STATE OF TEXAS \* COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF KENEDY \* OF KENEDY COUNTY, TEXAS

On the 27th day of September, 2022, 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:**

Judge Charles Burns

Commissioner Joe Recio, Precinct 1

Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr., Precinct 2

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon, Precinct 3

Commissioner Gumecinda “Cindy” Gonzales, Precinct 4

**Also Present**:

Allison Strauss, County Attorney

Veronica Vela, District/County Clerk

Irma Longoria, Tax Assessor/Collector

Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant

JP Jana Norrell

JP Cecelia Schulz

Tom Denney, Chief Appraiser

Capt. Eddie Cruz

**Absent**:

Cynthia Salinas, County Treasurer

Ramon Salinas, III, County Sheriff

JP Patricia Fain

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 and those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Receive Public Comments**.

No public comments were made.

1. **Discuss & Act on Certifying the 2022 Kenedy County Tax Roll**.

Irma Longoria, Tax Assessor/Collector, and Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the need to consider certifying the 2022 Kenedy County Tax Roll by the Commissioners present signing the Certification.

Commissioner Gumecinda “Cindy” Gonzales moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the 2022 Kenedy County Tax Roll be certified and signed as presented.

1. **Discuss & Act on Certifying the 2022 Kenedy County Common-Wide School District Tax Roll**.

Irma Longoria, Tax Assessor/Collector, and Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the need to consider certifying the 2022 Kenedy County Common-Wide School District Tax Roll by the Commissioners present signing the Certification.

Commissioner Gumecinda “Cindy” Gonzales moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the 2022 Kenedy County Common-Wide School District Tax Roll be certified and signed as presented.

1. **Discuss & Act on Hiring Kevin O’Hanlon to Represent Kenedy County, Kenedy County Fire & Emergency Services District No.1, Kenedy County Ground Water Conservation District, and Kenedy County-Wide Common School District Regarding Issues Arising from the East Foundation Request for Exemption**.

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the need to hire Kevin O’Hanlon to represent Kenedy County, Kenedy County Fire & Emergency Services District No. 1, Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District and the Kenedy County-Wide Common School District regarding issues arising from the East Foundation’s request for tax exemption.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr. seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Kevin O’Hanlon be hired to represent Kenedy County, Kenedy County Fire & Emergency Services District No. 1, Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District and the Kenedy County-Wide Common School District regarding issues arising from the East Foundation’s request for tax exemption.

1. **Discuss & Act on Approving the Generator Proposal from Maltby Builders for the Justice of the Peace Building/Hurricane Shelter and the Kenedy County-Wide Common School District in the amount of $189,748.08**.

Sandra Maltby and Judge Charles E. Burns presented the Commissioners Court with a copy of the generators’ proposal from Maltby Builders for the Justice of the Peace Building/Hurricane Shelter and the Kenedy County-Wide Common School District in the amount of $189,748.08.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Gumecinda “Cindy” Gonzales seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Maltby Builders generator proposal for the Justice of the Peace Building/Hurricane Shelter and the Kenedy County-Wide Common School District be approved in the amount of $189,748.08.

1. **Discuss & Act on the ADA Handle for the Courthouse Door**.

Sandra Maltby and Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the need to install an ADA handle on the east Courthouse door and presented Maltby Builders’ ADA Courthouse door proposal in the amount of $12,563.75.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Maltby Builders’ $12,563.75 proposal to install an ADA handle system on the east Courthouse door be approved as presented.

1. **Consent Agenda:**

**(A) Approve Lodging and Meals for Johnny Hernandez to Attend the 2022 South Texas One Health Symposium in Brownsville, Tx on October 5th – 7th, 2022. ($552.30 within budget)**

**(B) Approve Lodging and Meals for Ernesto Lerma to Attend the 2022 South Texas One Health Symposium in Brownsville, Tx on October 5th – 7th, 2022. ($552.30 within budget)**

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the need for Johnny Hernandez and Ernesto Lerma to attend the 2022 South Texas One-Health Symposium in Brownsville, Texas, on October 5-7, 2022, and to advance $552.30 to each of them.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr. seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Johnny Hernandez and Ernesto Lerma attend the 2022 South Texas One-Health Symposium in Brownsville, Texas, on October 5-7, 2022, and to advance $552.30 to each of them provided proper receipts are provided to the County Treasurer.

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

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners’ Court of the need to pay the bills presented.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Gumecinda “Cindy” Gonzales seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the bills be paid as presented.

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, § 551.074- To Interview Applicants for Maintenance Supervisor**.

Judge Charles E. Burns called the Executive Session to order at 9:29 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

1. **Break for Lunch at 11:45 a.m**.

At 11:30 a.m., Judge Charles E. Burns announced that the Commissioners Court break for lunch.

**13.** **Reconvene at 1:15 p.m**.

At 12:30 p.m., Judge Charles E. Burns called the Commissioners Court Executive Session to order to continue the interviews for Maintenance Supervisor.

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

At 2:33 p.m., the Commissioners Court returned to Open Session.

No action was taken.

**15.** **Adjournment**.

There being no further business 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 Kenedy County Commissioners Court be adjourned at 2:35 o'clock p.m.

/s/ Charles Burns

JUDGE CHARLES BURNS

/s/ Veronica Vela

VERONICA VELA,

CLERK OF COMMISSIONERS’ COURT