THE STATE OF TEXAS \* COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF KENEDY \* OF KENEDY COUNTY, TEXAS

On the 10th day of July, 2023, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., a regular 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

Sarita Armstrong-Hixon, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

Jose Salazar, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

**Also present:**

Veronica Vela, County & District Clerk

Grace Salinas, Administrative Secretary

Cynthia Salinas, County Treasurer

Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant

Sheriff Ramon Salinas

Sandra Maltby, Maltby Builders, Inc.

JP Jana Norrell

JP Cecilia Schulz

Daniel Almeida, Sarita Sewer and Water

Jose E. Mendietta, Fire Chief

Stephanie Garza, Elections Administrator

Tom Denney, Chief Appraiser

Andy Garcia, Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District

Anita Garcia

Seferino Gutierrez, Maintenance Supervisor

Sandra Guzman, Sheriff’s Department

Capt. Edward Cruz

Deputy Frank Garza

Sandra Guzman, Sheriff’s Office

John Hubert, District Attorney

William Dieterle

**Absent**:

Israel Vela, Jr., Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

Irma Longoria, County Tax Assessor/Collector

Allison Strauss, County Attorney

JP Patricia Fain

JP Jerry Miller

Chief Gilbert San Miguel

1. **Call 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 audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Receive Public Comments**.

John Hubert, District Attorney, addressed the Commissioners Court regarding his 2024 Budget. He stated that no changes were needed at this time, although if a COLA was going to be added to all departments, he would greatly appreciate it if it was added to his budget as well. He mentioned Senate Bill 22 grant and stated that he has to apply for this grant within 30 days of the fiscal year and that he will apply for the SB22 grant as soon as possible. He further informed the Commissioners Court that funds from human smuggling cases go into a victim assistance fund; the District Attorney’s office does not have anything to fit this scenario; therefore, the funds are being placed into a fund until the legislature changes their verbiage on how to use these funds.

1. **Receive Report from Abdul Kamar with the Texas Department of State Health Services to Address Emergency Preparedness and Program Specific Regional Updates**.

Abdul Kamar was not present at the Commissioners Court; therefore, no report was presented.

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

1. **Discuss & Act on the Regular Minutes of June 12th, 2023 and the Special Meeting Minutes of June 20th, 2023 June 21st, 2023 and June 22nd, 2023**.

Judge Charles E. Burns presented the Commissioners Court Minutes of the regular June 12, and special June 20, 2023, June 21, 2023 and June 22, 2023 meetings.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the minutes of the Minutes of the regular June 12, and special June 20, 2023, June 21, 2023 and June 22, 2023 meetings be accepted as presented.

1. **Discuss & Act on Treasurer’s Monthly Report and Transfers**.

Cynthia Salinas, County Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Monthly Report and Transfers for the month ending June 30, 2023.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed the Treasurer's Monthly Report and Transfers ending June 30, 2023, be accepted as presented.

1. **Discuss & Act on the Sheriff’s Monthly Report**.

Deputy Edward Cruz presented the Sheriff’s monthly report to the Commissioners Court for the month ending June 30, 2023, including his Chapter 59 report.

He also reported the following:

1. Operations by Border Patrol currently occurring in the brush regarding a humanitarian effort along the Santa Fe ranch
2. The county has its own operations on the waterways; the Coast Guard and DPS have assisted in the surrounding areas
3. The illegals are using the ranches on the east side of Kenedy County to facilitate their illegal activity; they are using vehicles, personnel, water craft
4. All the officers in the Sheriff’s office are going to be certified EMS which is one step lower than an EMT. The officers will attend the TC3 class where they will go out in the field to practice their skills and this will be once a year
5. The Sheriff’s department is working on acquiring radios through a grant and will be able to communicate with Willacy County
6. The Sheriff’s Office air conditioning was in need of replacement and that he had obtained a bid in the amount of $10,398.00, including the use of a crane

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the Sheriff’s monthly report and Chapter 59 report be accepted as presented.

1. **Discuss & Act on Fire Chief’s Monthly Report**.

Jose E. Mendietta, Fire Chief, presented the Commissioners Court with the Fire District report. He also reported that the Texas A&M and Driscoll’s Children Hospital had been in Kenedy County on June 27, 2023 to demonstrate proper child car seat installation and they had distributed three new car seats to Sarita residents. Further, he reported that there had been a bee call in June and that a burn ban needed to be implemented.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the Fire Chief’s report be accepted as presented.

1. **Discuss & Act on the Maintenance Department Monthly Report**.

Seferino Gutierrez, Maintenance Supervisor, presented the Maintenance Department’s monthly report to the Commissioners Court for the month ending June 30, 2023. He also reported that the air conditioning unit at the Sheriff’s Office needed to be replaced and that he obtained a $10,398.00 quote, which includes the use of a crane.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Seferino Gutierrez’s monthly report be accepted as presented and Seferino Gutierrez obtain at least one more bid for the Sheriff’s office air conditioning and select a less expensive unit.

1. **Receive Daniel Almeida and Act on the Sewer & Water System Monthly Report**.

Daniel Almeida presented the Commissioners Court with the Sewer & Water System monthly report and stated that the pump for the pump house was received and that he was requesting lifting hooks to install it.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Daniel Almeida’s report be accepted as presented.

1. **Receive Javier Zambrano with GrantWorks Monthly Reports Regarding Compliance with Colonia Grant #7219075 and Community Development Grant #7219220 and Act if Necessary**.

Javier Zambrano presented the GrantWorks monthly report to the Commissioners Court regarding the Kenedy County 7219220 and 7219075 as follows:

Kenedy County Colonia 7219075 (Colonia)

Contractor: Donald Hubert Construction; Sub, Southern Trenchless Solutions

Contract Start Date: 2/1/20

Original Contract End Date: 1/31/22

Extended Contract End Date: 9/30/23

Phase I (Prime: Donald Hubert Construction)

Pay Applications 8 and 9 for Donald Hubert have been submitted to the State through TDA-Go. This is for a total amount of $45,143.67.

Retainage Pay Application will be submitted when the GrantWorks Labor Standards Specialist resolves all pending edits necessary for the payrolls. Once this is completed, I can submit the Final Wage Compliance Report and proceed with Phase I closeout.

Phase II – Award will go to Donald Hubert Construction following the Small Purchase Procurement

Contract Amount When Awarded: $21,958.00

The amendment that was necessary to award Donald Hubert was approved by TDA on Monday, June 12.

The pre-construction meeting took place on June 21 and the Notice to Proceed was also issued on this date.

Construction has started.

The first-time connections have been completed.

As of Wednesday, the LS Pump was delivered.

Construction is expected to be completed by end of July per the engineer.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio. seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the GrantWorks report be accepted as presented.

1. **Receive Report on the Construction Progress of the Justice of the Peace Building/Hurricane Shelter & Court House Repairs**.

Sandra Maltby with Maltby Builders, Inc. informed the Commissioners Court of the progress on the Justice of the Peace Building/Hurricane Shelter and the Courthouse repairs as follows:

JP Building/Hurricane Shelter

Tile is being installed

Porches will be started soon

Staining the doors

Move-in date is not yet established

Need clarification from Riviera Telephone on the logistics of moving the phone lines

Courthouse

The outside of the Courthouse has been worked on

Will be working on the inside

Generator for school is on back order but should be received this week

July 15 is builder’s risk insurance date

Will meet with Judge regarding the JP Building doors to the Courtroom

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

1. **Consent Agenda:**

**(A) Approve Meals for Adam Rodriguez to Attend the “Background Investigations for Police Applicants” in Weslaco, Tx on July 20-21, 2023. ($89.00 within budget)**

**(B) Approve Meals for Gilbert San Miguel to Attend the Six Layer Concept: Human Behavior 2-Day Basic Course in Kingsville, Tx on July 18-19, 2023. ($50.00 within budget)**

**(C) Approve Lodging & Meals for Ramon Salinas and Eddie Cruz to Attend Sheriff’s Association of Texas Annual Conference in Ft. Worth, Tx on July 22-26, 2023. ($2,380.00 within budget)**

**(D) Approve Lodging & Meals for Eddie Cruz and Adam Rodriguez to Attend EGrants Training in Laredo, Tx on August 7-8, 2023. ($950.00 within budget)**

**(E) Approve Mileage & Meals for Charles Burns to Attend Judicial Roundtable in Kingsville, Tx on August 23, 2023. ($60.13 within budget)**

**(F) Approve Travel & Meals for Charles Burns to Attend EGrants Training in Laredo, Tx on August 8, 2023. ($210.25 within budget)**

**(G) Approve Travel & Meals for Grace Salinas to Attend EGrants Training in Laredo, Tx on August 8, 2023. ($210.25 within budget)**

**(H) Approve Registration for Irma Longoria to Attend the 2023 Virtual Legislative Conference on August 30-September 1, 2023. ($200.00 within budget)**

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court that the following employees needed to attend the below seminars/conferences and be advance/reimbursed their expenses provided that proper receipts are given:

Name: Adam Rodriguez

Seminar: Background Investigations for Police Applicants

Date: July 20-21, 2023

Place: Weslaco, Texas

Amount: $89.00

Name: Gilbert San Miguel

Seminar: The Six Layer Concept: Human Behavior 2-Day Basic Course

Date: July 18-19, 2023

Place: Kingsville, Texas

Amount: $50.00

Name: Ramon Salinas and Eddie Cruz

Seminar: Sheriff’s Association of Texas Annual Conference

Date: July 22-26, 2023

Place: Ft. Worth, Texas

Amount: $2,380.00

Name: Eddie Cruz and Adam Rodriguez

Seminar: EGrants Training

Date: August 7-8, 2023

Place: Laredo, Texas

Amount: $950.00

Name: Charles Burns

Seminar: Judicial Roundtable

Date: August 23, 2023

Place: Kingsville, Texas

Amount: $60.13

Name: Charles Burns

Seminar: EGrants Training

Date: August 8, 2023

Place: Laredo, Texas

Amount: $210.25

Name: Grace Salinas

Seminar: EGrants Training

Date: August 8, 2023

Place: Laredo, Texas

Amount: $210.25

Name: Irma Longoria

Seminar: 2023 Virtual Legislative Conference

Date: August 30-September 1, 2023

Amount: $200.00

Commissioner Joe Recio moved and Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the following employees attend the following seminars/conferences and be reimbursed their expenses provided proper receipts are given to the County Treasurer:

Name: Adam Rodriguez

Seminar: Background Investigations for Police Applicants

Date: July 20-21, 2023

Place: Weslaco, Texas

Amount: $89.00

Name: Gilbert San Miguel

Seminar: The Six Layer Concept: Human Behavior 2-Day Basic Course

Date: July 18-19, 2023

Place: Kingsville, Texas

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Name: Grace Salinas

Seminar: EGrants Training

Date: August 8, 2023

Place: Laredo, Texas

Amount: $210.25

Name: Irma Longoria

Seminar: 2023 Virtual Legislative Conference

Date: August 30-September 1, 2023

Amount: $200.00

1. **Discuss & Act on Reimbursing Irma Longoria $55.20 Regarding the Hotel Parking Expenses at the June TACA Conference in Dallas, Texas**.

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the need to reimburse Irma Longoria $55.20 regarding the hotel parking expenses at the June TACA Conference in Dallas, Texas.

Commissioner Joe Recio moved and Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Irma Longoria be reimbursed $55.20 regarding the hotel parking expenses at the June TACA Conference in Dallas, Texas.

1. **Receive Irma Longoria’s Report on Certification of Professional County Collector**.

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court that Irma Longoria, County Tax Assessor/Collector, was not present and that she had received her certification of Professional County Collector. Judge Burns read to the Commissioners Court Irma Longoria’s Professional Certificate.

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

1. **Receive & Act on Deputy Cameron W. Kirk’s Status Change**

Sheriff Ramon Salinas informed the Commissioners Court that of the need to increase Cameron W. Kirk’s salary from $43,199.00 to $47,174.00 due to his status change.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Deputy Cameron W. Kirk’s salary be increased from $43,199.00 to $47,174.00.

1. **Discuss & Act Sheriff’s Dept. Purchase of an Ice Machine in the Amount of $5,000.00, within budget**.

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the need to authorize the Sheriff’s Department purchasing an ice machine in the amount of $5,000.00, within budget.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the Sheriff’s Department is authorized to purchase an ice machine in the amount of $5,000.00, within budget.

1. **Discuss & Act on Approving the Opioid Settlement Resolution**.

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the need to approve the below Opioid Settlement Resolution:

BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Kenedy County, Texas, held on the 10th day of July, 2023, on motion made by Sarita Armstrong-Hixon of Precinct 3 and seconded by Joe Recio, Commissioner of Precinct 1, the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Kenedy County obtained information indicating that certain drug companies and their corporate affiliates, parents, subsidiaries, and such other defendants as may be added to the litigation (collectively, “Defendants”) have engaged in fraudulent and/or reckless marketing and/or distribution of opioids that have resulted in addictions and overdoes; and

WHEREAS, these actions, conduct and misconduct have resulted in significant financial costs to the County; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2020, the State of Texas, through the Office of the Attorney General, and a negotiation group for Texas political subdivisions entered into an Agreement entitled Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council and Settlement Allocation Term Sheet (hereafter, the Texas Term Sheet) approving the allocation of any and all opioid settlement funds within the State of Texas. The Texas Term Sheet is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, Special Counsel and the State of Texas have recommended that the Kenedy County Commissioners Court support the adoption and approval of the Texas Term Sheet in its entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED that we, the Commissioners Court of Kenedy:

1. Support the adoption and approval of the Texas Term Sheet in its entirety; and
2. Finds as follows:
3. There is a substantial need for repayment of opioid-related expenditures and payment to abate opioid-related harms in and about Kenedy County; and
4. The Commissioners Court supports in its entirety and hereby adopts the allocation method for opioid settlement proceeds as set forth in the STATE OF TEXAS AND TEXAS POLITICAL SUBDIVISONS’ OPIOID ABATEMENT FUND COUNCIL AND SETTLEMENT ALLOCATION TERM SHEET, attached here as Exhibit “A”. The County Commissioners Court understands that the purpose of this Texas Term Sheet is to permit collaboration between the State of Texas and Political Subdivisions to explore and potentially effectuate resolution of the Opioid Litigation against Pharmaceutical Supply Claim Participants as defined therein. We also understand that an additional purpose is to create an effective means of distributing any potential settlement funds obtained under this Texas Term Sheet between the State of Teas and Political Subdivisions in a manner and means that would promote an effective and meaningful use of the funds in abating the opioid epidemic in this County and throughout Texas.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the Opioid Settlement Resolution be adopted as follows:

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5. **Discuss & Act on Burn Ban for Controlled Burns**

Judge Charles E. Burns and Jose E. Mendietta, Fire Chief, informed the Commissioners Court of the need to enact a Burn Ban in Kenedy County.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that a Burn Ban in be established in Kenedy County as provided by law to be effective July 10, 2023, and until further notice.

1. **Discuss & Act on Correction of April 11, 2023 Minutes, Item #37, “The 4-Tier Personnel Vacation Carryover Hours be Follows: 0-3 years=40 hours; 4-6 years=80 hours; 7-15 years=120 hours; and over 16 years=180 hours.” The Correct Minutes Should State, “The 4-Tier Personnel Vacation Accrual Rate Hours Will be as Follows: 0-3 years=40 hours, 4-6 years=80 hours; 7-15 years=120 hours; and over 16 years-160 hours**.

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the need to correct Item 37 of the April 11, 2023 Minutes as follows:

The 4-Tier Personnel Vacation Carryover Hours be Follows: 0-3 years=40 hours; 4-6 years=80 hours; 7-15 years=120 hours; and over 16 years=180 hours.” The Correct Minutes Should State, “The 4-Tier Personnel Vacation Accrual Rate Hours Will be as Follows: 0-3 years=40 hours, 4-6 years=80 hours; 7-15 years=120 hours; and over 16 years-160 hours

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Item 37 of the April 11, 2023 Minutes be corrected as follows:

The 4-Tier Personnel Vacation Carryover Hours be Follows: 0-3 years=40 hours; 4-6 years=80 hours; 7-15 years=120 hours; and over 16 years=180 hours.” The Correct Minutes Should State, “The 4-Tier Personnel Vacation Accrual Rate Hours Will be as Follows: 0-3 years=40 hours, 4-6 years=80 hours; 7-15 years=120 hours; and over 16 years-160 hours

1. **Discuss & Act on Budget Amendments in the Sheriff’s Office, by Posted Budget Line Item 1000.0560.4148, Maintenance Cell Tower in the New Line Item Non-Departmental 1000.0409.4148 and to Amend the County Courthouse & Assoc Buildings Budget Line Item 1000.0510.4149 by Deleting the $15,000 to Zero**

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the need to amend the Sheriff’s Budget by transferring $15,000 from the Maintenance Cell Tower Line Item 1000.0510.4148 to the County Courthouse & Assoc Buildings Budget Line Item 1000.0510.4149, leaving Line Item 1000.0510.4148 at zero.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously that $15,000 be transferred from the Maintenance Cell Tower Line Item 1000.0510.4148 to the County Courthouse & Assoc Buildings Budget Line Item 1000.0510.4149, leaving Line Item 1000.0510.4148 at zero.

1. **Discuss & Act on Budget Amendments for the Elections Office as Follows: Increase Line Item 1000.0490.4116 Computers/Printers by $59,760.63 to be Paid from HAVA Grant Money and Increase Line Item 1000.0490.4136 Machinery & Equipment Under $5,000 by $64,300.95 to be Paid from HAVA Grant Money**

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the need to amend the Elections Office budget as follows:

Increase Line Item 1000.0490.4116 Computers/Printers by $59,760.63 to be Paid from HAVA Grant Money and Increase Line Item 1000.0490.4136 Machinery & Equipment Under $5,000 by $64,300.95 to be Paid from HAVA Grant Money

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the Elections Office Budget be amended as follows:

Increase Line Item 1000.0490.4116 Computers/Printers by $59,760.63 to be Paid from HAVA Grant Money and Increase Line Item 1000.0490.4136 Machinery & Equipment Under $5,000 by $64,300.95 to be Paid from HAVA Grant Money

1. **Discuss & Act on Approving the Purchase, with County Funds, an Interactive Flat Panel TV with a Video Conference Camera for the JP Building/Hurricane Shelter and Increasing the Tech Fund Budget Line Item 2600.0409.4136 by $3,826.55**.

Judge Charles E. Burns and Judge Cecelia Shultz informed the Commissioners Court of the need to purchase, with Tech funds, an Interactive Flat Panel Television with a video conference camera for the JP Building/Hurricane Shelter and to increase the Tech Fund Budget Lien Item 2600.0409.4136 by $3,826.55.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that an Interactive Flat Panel Television with a video conference camera for the JP Building/Hurricane Shelter be purchased with Tech funds and to increase the Tech Fund Budget Lien Item 2600.0409.4136 by $3,826.55.

1. **Discuss & Act on Authorizing Judge Charles Burns to Reach a Written Agreement with Foremost Regarding Providing Internet to County Buildings in Exchange for Using a Portion of the Appraisal Building**.

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the need to authorize him to reach a written agreement with Foremost regarding providing internet to county buildings in exchange for using a portion of the appraisal building and providing two generators.

Commissioner Joe Recio moved and Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Judge Charles Burns is authorized to reach a written agreement with Foremost regarding providing internet to county buildings in exchange for Foremost using a portion of the Appraisal building and providing two generators.

1. **Receive Report on the Construction Required Regarding Voting and ADA Requirements on the Sheriff’s Sub-Station**.

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the construction required regarding voting and ADA requirements on the Sheriff’s sub-station in Norias to comply with the Secretary of State’s rules and regulations.

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

1. **Discuss & Act on Re-Advertising for Banking Services Bids**.

Judge Charles E. Burns and Leo Villarreal informed the Commissioners Court that no bank had submitted a bid regarding servicing the County’s bank accounts; therefore, the bid notice needed to be re-advertised.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the bank bid notice be re-advertised.

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

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners’ Court of the need to pay the bills for the month ending June 30, 2023.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the bills be paid as presented.

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, § 551.071, § 551.072, § 551.073, § 551.074**

No Executive Session was needed and none was held.

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

No Executive Session having been held; an Open Session was not held.

1. **Adjournment.**

There being no further business at this time to come before the Commissioners Court, Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the Commissioners Court be adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

/s/ Charles E. Burns\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Charles E. Burns, County Judge

ATTESTED BY:

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

Veronica Vela, Clerk of Commissioners Court