THE STATE OF TEXAS \* COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF KENEDY \* OF KENEDY COUNTY, TEXAS

On the 15th day of August, 2022, 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:**

Charles E. Burns, Jr., County Judge

Joe Recio, Commissioner, Precinct 1

Israel Vela, Jr., Commissioner, Precinct 2

Sarita Armstrong-Hixon, Commissioner, Precinct 3

Gumecinda “Cindy” Gonzales, Commissioner, Precinct 4

Veronica Vela, County Clerk

Cynthia Salinas, County Treasurer

Irma Longoria, County Tax Assessor/Collector

Allison Strauss, County Attorney

JP Cecilia Schulz

JP Patti Fain

JP Jana Norrell

Sheriff Ramon Salinas

Tom Denney, Chief Appraiser

Brian Birdwell, Elections Administrator

Kristin Tinsley

Manuel Garcia

Rose Kinsesky, Bond Director

Victor Quiroga, Managing Director

John Hubert, District Attorney

Norma Zavala, Tax Office

Andy Garza, Kenedy County Groundwater Conservation District

Grace Salinas, Administrative Secretary

**Absent:**

Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant

Gilbert San Miguel, Deputy Sheriff

JP Jerry Miller

1. **Judge Burns Called the Meeting to Order at 2 p.m., Quorum Present**.

Judge Charles E. Burns called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**.

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

**3. Receive Public Comments**.

Justice of the Peace Cecelia Schulz inquired whether any budget amendments had been made. Judge Charles E. Burns informed her that budget amendments were on the agenda and would be addressed during the meeting.

**4. Discuss & Act on Order Calling A Bond Election for the Benefit of the Kenedy County-Wide Common School District**.

Kristin Tinsley presented the Commissioners Court with the proposed Order Calling for A Bond Election for the benefit of the Kenedy County-Wide Common School District and that the deadline for the Order Calling a Bond Election is August 22, 2022 and requesting that the Order be signed by the Commissioners Court.

Victor Quiroga addressed the Commissioners Court regarding the financial aspect of the Bond.

Commissioner Gumecinda “Cindy” Gonzales moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the Order Calling a Bond Election for the benefit of the Kenedy County-Wide Common School District be adopted as presented and authorized the Commissioners to sign the Order Calling a Bond Election.

**5. Discuss & Act on 2022 Budget Amendments**.

Judge Charles E. Burns presented the Commissioners Court with the proposed 2022 Budget Amendments. Commissioners Sarita Armstrong-Hixon inquired on whether amendments could be made in December 2022, and asked whether the Elections Administrator’s budget needed to transfer $11,000.00 from Line Item Election Expense (10-435-386) to Line Item Contracts & Maintenance (10-435-306).

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Gumecinda “Cindy” Gonzales seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that $11,000.00 be transferred from the Elections Administrator’s Line Item Election Expense (10-435-386) to Line Item Contracts & Maintenance (10-435-306) and that all other budget amendments be made in December 2022.

**6. Discuss & Act on 2023 Proposed Budget**.

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the need to consider working on the 2023 Proposed Budget.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Gumecinda “Cindy” Gonzales seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the proposed budget be recalculated to consider the additional positions to be added to the Sheriff’s office, clerk’s office full-time position and the County Attorney’s office part-time position.

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

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

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr. seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the bills be paid as presented.

**8. Adjournment**

There being no further business 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 meeting be adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

/s/ Charles E. Burns

Charles E. Burns, County Judge

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Veronica Vela

Veronica Vela, County Clerk