THE STATE OF TEXAS \* COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF KENEDY \* OF KENEDY COUNTY, TEXAS

On the 6th day of February, 2024, at 1:30 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, 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

Allison Strauss, County Attorney

Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant

Cynthia Salinas, County Treasurer

Irma Longoria, County Tax Assessor

Jana Norrel, JP

Patti Fain, JP

Cecelia Schulz, JP

Tom Denney, Appraisal District Chief Appraiser

Sylvia H. Villarreal

Deputy Fidel Gonzales

**Absent**:

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

Ramon Salinas, County Sheriff

Jerry Miller, JP

Stephanie Garza, Elections Administrator

1. **Judge Burns Called the Meeting to Order**.

Judge Charles E. Burns called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**.

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

1. **Receive Public Comments.**

No public comments were made.

1. **Receive Fernando Pulido with Multi-Bank Securities Inc. Regarding County Investments and Act If Necessary.**

Fernando Pulido, a Senior Vice-President with Multi-Bank Securities, Inc. addressed the Commissioners Court regarding county investments. He stated that he serves the investment needs of institutional and municipal clients and is the lead principal for the company’s Central Texas Regional Office in Marble Falls, Texas; that he hold numerous securities licenses with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), including a Registered Options Principal (Series 4), a General Securities Representative (Series 7), a General Securities Principal (Series 24), a Municipal Advisor Representative (Series 50), a Municipal Securities Principal (Series 53) and a Uniform Securities Agent Law (Series 63); that he has served as a guest speaker and instructor on fixed-income securities for executives of financial institutions and for finance directors and treasurers of local government entitles at numerous national and regional conferences; and that if he is accepted as Kenedy County’s broker/dealer, there would be no cost to Kenedy County for the banks pay his fees and that he would work with Cynthia Salinas, the Kenedy County Investment Officer, who would receive investment amounts and direction from the Kenedy County Commissioners Court.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Fernando Pulido, Senior Vice-President with Multi-Bank Securities, Inc. be designated the Kenedy County Broker/Dealer effective February 6, 2024.

1. **Discuss & Act on the Estimate of $1,650.00 from Corpus Christi Safe & Lock Co. Regarding Keying All Locks at the New JP Building.**

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the need to act on the $1,650 estimate from Corpus Christi Safe & Lock Co. for keying all locks at the Justice Court building.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Corpus Christi Safe & Lock Co. $1,650 bid regarding keying all locks at the new Justice Court building be approved as presented.

1. **Consent Agenda:**

**(A) Approve Travel and Meals for Charles Burns to Attend the ARCIT Regional Meeting in Sinton, Texas on February 7th, 2024 ($125.25 within budget)**

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the need to approve travel and meals for Charles Burns to attend the ARCIT Regional meeting in Sinton, Texas on February 7, 2024 at a cost of $125.25, within budget.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Charles Burns attend the ARCIT Regional meeting in Sinton, Texas on February 7, 2024 at a cost of $125.25, within budget, provided receipts are submitted to the County Treasurer.

1. **Discuss & Act on Approving SB22 Resolutions for the Sheriff’s Office and County Attorney.**

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the need to consider approving the SB22 Resolutions for the Sheriff’s Office and County Attorney, one appointing Sheriff Ramon Salinas as the grant’s authorized official of the SB22 Rural Law Enforcement Grant and the other appointing Allison Strauss as the grant’s authorized official of the SB22 Rural Prosecutor’s Office Grant.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Sheriff Ramon Salinas is designated the SB22 Rural Law Enforcement Grant authorized official and Allison Strauss is appointed the SB22 Rural Prosecutor’s Office Grant authorized official.

1. **Discuss & Act on Auctioning Kenedy County Personal Property.**

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the need to auction the following Kenedy County personal property:

1 – Primo Water Dispenser

1 – Table Wood #04206

1 – Manlift TZ 34/20 electric

1 – Chevy Truck 2500 HD Crew Cab

2 – John Deere Gators (1) HPx4x4 diesel, (1) XUV 4x4 6251 gas

1 – Troy Bilt Pressure Washer 875 Series

1 – Snapper Push mower

1 – wheel barrel

1 – Cylinder Cart

1 – Generator Guardian Quiet

3 – Desks

2 – Desk tops

1 – Chair

3 – Cabinets (1) Grey 5-drawer, (1) Blk 4-drawer, (1) White 2-drawer

1 – Roll Up Shutter

1 – Battery Charger

2 – Printers (last auction)

1 – Ford Truck LP 141 3088

24 – office chairs

1 – conference table 8 x 44 x 30

1 – chalk board

1 – turbine ventilator

1 – gas tank 10,000 gallon

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the below Kenedy County personal property be auctioned by CM Auctions:

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1. **Discuss & Act on Bids Regarding the Construction and/or the Purchasing of JP Furniture.**

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court that two bid notices had been published, one for the construction of the JP furniture and one for the purchase of the JP furniture and that two bids had been received for the construction of the JP furniture, one from Baffin Bay Woodworks in the amount of $11,500 and one from Torres Espino The Craftsman, LLC in the amount of $79,875 to custom build the Justice Court furniture.

Justice Patti Fain and Justice Jana Norell informed the Commissioners Court that they had received estimates for good quality, top of the line office furniture from Shannon’s, Inc. in the amount of $85,446.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Shannon’s, Inc. bid be accepted and that furniture for the Justice Court be purchased for an amount not to exceed $90,000.00.

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

Judge Charles E. Burns presented the Commissioners Court with the bills that needed payment.

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**

An Executive Session was not held.

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

An Open Session was not needed.

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 3:10 p.m.

/s/ Charles Burns

JUDGE CHARLES BURNS

ATTESTED TO:

/s/ Veronica Vela

Veronica Vela, Clerk of the Court