THE STATE OF TEXAS \* COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF KENEDY \* OF KENEDY COUNTY, TEXAS

On the 28th day of June, 2024, at 1:30 o'clock p.m., a Budget Workshop of the Commissioners Court of Kenedy County, Texas, was held in the Kenedy County Courthouse District Courtroom.

**Commissioner present:**

Charles E. Burns, County Judge

Joe Recio, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

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

Sarita Armstrong-Hixon, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

Jose Salazar, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

**Also present:**

Veronica Vela, County & District Clerk

Grace Salinas, Administrative Secretary

Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant

Irma Longoria, County Tax Assessor/Collector

Cynthia Salinas, County Treasurer

Ramon Salinas, County Sheriff

Stephanie Garza, Elections Administrator

Jose E. Mendietta, Fire Chief

JP Jana Norrell

JP Cecilia Schulz

JP Jerry Miller

JP Patricia Fain

Tom Denney, Chief Appraiser

Andy Garza, Kenedy County GCD

Sandra Guzman

Frank Escobedo

**Absent**:

Allison Strauss, County Attorney

Seferino Gutierrez, Maintenance Supervisor

Sheriff Ramon Salinas

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 the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Public Comments**

No public comments were made.

1. **Budget Workshop**

Judge Charles E. Burns opened the 2025 Budget Workshop and asked Frank Escobedo, the Kenedy-Kleberg County Extension Officer if had any budget requests. Frank Escobedo replied that he did not have any budget requests. Judge Bruns thanked him for attending the Budget Workshop.

The following 2025 Budget items were addressed:

1. Whether Department employees’ salaries could be moved to Kenedy County Judge’s budget line items. The TAC attorney will provide the statutory authority as to whether this matter is possible.
2. Whether newly elected officers’ salaries could be set by the Commissioners Court in the Kenedy County Judge’s Budget Line Item. The TAC attorney will provide the statutory authority as to whether this matter is possible.
3. Judge Charles E. Burns and the Elected Department officers provided their respective department’s budget financial requests, subject to further consideration at the next Budget Workshop, if needed.
4. Public officers nor Kenedy County employees’ salaries or COLA were addressed, but will be considered at the next Budget Workshop.
5. The Kenedy County Salary Committee will convene the week of July 8, 2024.
6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, § 551.071, § 551.072, § 551.073, § 551.074**

There was no need for an Executive Session, therefore, one was not held.

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

There was no need for an Open Session

1. **Adjournment**

There being no further business at this time to come before the Commissioners Court, Commissioner Joe Recio moved and Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr. seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the Kenedy County Commissioners Court be adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

/s/ Charles E. Burns

Charles E. Burns, County Judge

ATTESTED TO:

/s/ Veronica Vela

Veronica Vela, Clerk of Commissioners Court