THE STATE OF TEXAS \* COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF KENEDY \* OF KENEDY COUNTY, TEXAS

On the 28th day of September, 2023, 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

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

Allison Strauss, County Attorney

Irma Longoria, County Tax Assessor/Collector

Leo Villarreal, Administrative Assistant

**Absent**:

Ramon Salinas, County Sheriff

JP Jerry Miller

Stephanie Garza, Elections Administrator

JP Patti Fain

JP Cecelia Schulz

JP Jana Norrell

Seferino Gutierrez, Maintenance Supervisor

Cynthia Salinas, County Treasurer

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. **Discuss & Act on Proposed Tax Rate for Kenedy County-Wide Common School District for Maintenance and Operations of $0.7480 Per Hundred Value and to Adopt a Tax Rate for the Interest and Sinking Fund of $0.0140 Per Hundred Value for the 2023 Tax Year, for a Total Tax Rate of $0.7620 Per Hundred Value**.

Irma Longoria, Tax Assessor/Collector, and Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the need to consider acting on certifying the 2023 Kenedy County-Wide Common School District for Maintenance and Operations of $0.07480 per hundred value and to adopt a tax rate for the Interest and Sinking Fund of $0.0140 per hundred value for the 2023 Tax Year, for a total tax rate of $0.7620 per hundred value.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the 2023 Kenedy County-Wide Common School District for Maintenance and Operations of $0.07480 per hundred value and to adopt a tax rate for the Interest and Sinking Fund of $0.0140 per hundred value for the 2023 Tax Year, for a total tax rate of $0.7620 per hundred value be adopted as presented.

1. **Discuss & Act on Certifying the 2023 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 2023 Kenedy County Tax Roll by the Commissioners present signing the Certification.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the 2023 Kenedy County Tax Roll be certified and signed as presented.

1. **Discuss & Act on Certifying the 2023 Kenedy County-Wide Common 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 2023 Kenedy County Common-Wide School District Tax Roll by the Commissioners present signing the Certification.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the 2023 Kenedy County Common-Wide School District Tax Roll be certified and signed as presented.

1. **Discuss & Act on the Nominating the Current Members, Charles Burns, Sarita Armstrong Hixon, Jose Recio, William Dieterle, and Felix Serna for the Board of Directors of the Kenedy County Central Appraisal District for the 2023-2024 Term**.

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the need to nominate the current members of the Board of Directors of the Kenedy County Central Appraisal District for the 2023-2024 Term. The current members are Charles Burns, Sarita Armstrong-Hixon, Jose Recio, William Dieterle and Felix Serna.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that Charles Burns, Sarita Armstrong-Hixon, Jose Recio, William Dieterle and Felix Serna are nominated to serve on the Board of Directors of the Kenedy County Central Appraisal District.

**8.**   **Discuss & Act on Creating a New JP Budget Line Item Pursuant to Criminal Code Procedure 102.17, to Transfer Funds from the Current Budget Line Item 2900.0510.4136 to the New Budget Line Item Regarding Court House Security Payable with County Funds**.

Judge Charles E. Burns informed the Commissioners Court of the need to create a new JP Budget Line Item pursuant to Criminal Code Procedure, Section 102.17, to transfer funds from the current budget line item 2900.0510.4136 to the new budget line item regarding Court House Security Payable with County Funds.

Commissioner Sarita Armstrong-Hixon moved and Commissioner Israel Vela, Jr. seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that a new JP Budget Line Item pursuant to Criminal Code Procedure, Section 102.17, be created to transfer funds from the current budget line item 2900.0510.4136 to the new budget line item regarding Court House Security Payable with County Funds.

**9.    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 Joe Recio seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed that the bills be paid as presented.

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

An Executive Session was not necessary and was not held.

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

An Executive Session not being held, this item was not necessary.

**12.  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 1:47 p.m.

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

Charles E. Burns, County Judge

ATTESTED BY:

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

Veronica Vela, Clerk of Commissioners Court