

NOVEMBER 1, 2023

A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE CITY COMMISSION AND KELBERG COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023, IN THE HELEN KLEBERG GROVES COMMUNITY ROOM, 400 WEST KING AVENUE, KINGSVILLE, TEXAS AT 5:00 P.M.

CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:

Sam R. Fugate, Mayor
Hector Hinojosa, Commissioner
Norma N. Alvarez, Commissioner
Edna Lopez, Commissioner
Ann Marie Torres, Commissioner

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Mark McLaughlin, City Manager
Mary Valenzuela, City Secretary
Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney
Kyle Benson, Director of Information & Technology
Derek Williams, IT
Deborah Balli, Finance Director
Bill Donnell, Public Works Director
Diana Gonzales, Human Resources Director
Brad Lile, Interim Police Chief
Rudy Mora, Engineer
Susan Ivy, Parks Director
J.J. Adame, Fire Chief

I. Preliminary Proceedings.

OPEN MEETING

Mayor Fugate opened the meeting at 5:00 P.M. with all five commission members present.

Kleberg County Judge Rudy Madrid opened the meeting for the County at 5:05 p.m. with all five County Commissioners present.

INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was delivered by Ms. Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

II. Public Hearing - (Required by Law).¹

1. None.

III. Reports from Commission & Staff.²

"At this time, the City Commission and Staff will report/update on all committee assignments which may include but is not limited to the following: Planning & Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustments, Historical Board, Housing Authority Board, Library Board, Health Board, Tourism, Chamber of Commerce, Coastal Bend Council of Governments, Conner Museum, Keep Kingsville Beautiful, and Texas Municipal League. Staff reports include the following: Building & Development, Code Enforcement, Proposed Development Report; Accounting & Finance – Financial Services - Information, Investment Report, Quarterly Budget Report, Monthly Financial Reports; Police & Fire Department – Grant Update, Police & Fire Reports; Street Updates; Public Works-Building Maintenance, Construction Updates; Park Services - grant(s) update, miscellaneous park projects, Administration –Workshop Schedule, Interlocal Agreements, Public Information, Hotel Occupancy Report, Quiet Zone, Proclamations, Health Plan Update, Tax Increment Zone Presentation, Main Street Downtown, Chapter 59 project, Financial Advisor, Water And Wastewater Rate Study Presentation. No formal action can be taken on these items at this time."

Mr. Mark McLaughlin, City Manager welcomed the County Commissioners' Court to the meeting. He further stated that the three items that will be discussed this evening are the P25 Radion System, Jail Contract, and Emergency Medical Services for a certain section of Kleberg County.

Ms. Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney reported that the next regular commission meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2023. She also reported that city offices will be closed on Friday, November 10, 2023, for Veterans Day.

IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items.³

1. Comments on all agenda and non-agenda items.

No public comments were made.

V.

Consent Agenda

Notice to the Public

The following items are of a routine or administrative nature. The Commission has been furnished with background and support material on each item, and/or it has been discussed at a previous meeting. All items will be acted upon by one vote without being discussed separately unless requested by a Commission Member in which event the item or items will immediately be withdrawn for individual consideration in its normal sequence after the items not requiring separate discussion have been acted upon. The remaining items will be adopted by one vote.

CONSENT MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES AND ORDINANCES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

(At this point the Commission will vote on all motions, resolutions, and ordinances not removed for individual consideration)

None.

REGULAR AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:

VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.⁴

1. Discuss and consider giving staff direction on proposed City-County Interlocal Agreement for P25 Phase II Radio System Upgrades. (City Manager).

Mr. Richard Kirkpatrick, Kleberg County Sheriff stated that they have been in discussion about the radio system for some time now. Both city and county share the radio system with the county having the tower. The ongoing issue today is that Kingsville is like being isolated on an island. Some of the surrounding counties and jurisdictions around Kleberg County do not share the 800mghz radio system. Different agencies such as DPS and Border Patrol are on different types of radio systems. Because of this, no one can talk to each other, which has always been the problem. What has been proposed by Dailey Wells is that we allow the system to be upgraded to Phase 2 which means that we would be investing in the ability to join all the radio networks up to San Antonio and with the possibility of sometime in the future, further points north. Sheriff Kirkpatrick stated that what his officers would be able to do is drive from Kleberg County to San Antonio, without changing the channel and be able to speak to the dispatcher in Kleberg County directly. He further stated that the proposal presented tonight is aggressive in terms of allowing the entities to pay it out on a term, which would not force the entities to come up with all the funds at one time, but rather over a three-year period. Sheriff Kirkpatrick stated that this is a good thing for both the County and the City and would solve some of the issues with the radio system.

Mayor Fugate asked if Sheriff Kirkpatrick was satisfied with the payment plan that had been proposed. Sheriff Kirkpatrick responded that he was satisfied and believes it is a fair deal.

Commissioner Hinojosa asked that with this system, would both entities be able to tie in with DPS.

Sheriff Kirkpatrick responded that the way the radio system is today, in order for DPS to speak with the officers they have to have our frequency plugged into our radio, which is not easy to do. The radio system network now is secured which prevents anyone from typing in the frequency and starting to talk. The way the system is built and depending if these agencies have the capability to have their radio to communicate on an 800mghz system now become part of a bigger puzzle. He further stated that to answer Commissioner Hinojosa's question, yes, because those individuals will be able to do that once we start upgrading the system.

Commissioner Hinojosa asked what about the Fire Department, will they be able to tie into the system? Sheriff Kirkpatrick responded yes.

County Judge Madrid asked if the current radio system is compatible with this. Sheriff Kirkpatrick responded that most of the radios that they own today, which he cannot speak on behalf of all the other entities, but in our situation, we would not need to pay for any radios in order to make the change. He further stated that according to the City of Corpus Christi and Peter Collins, he has assured him that during this timeframe he will assist in changing the feature sets on the radio so that we would not have to incur additional costs in order for those to be enabled. The existing radios would be used.

Commissioner Alvarez asked if the city's radios would be compatible. Sheriff Kirkpatrick responded that there is a strong possibility that they are.

Mayor Fugate asked both Fire Chief and Police Chief if they were satisfied with this. Both responded yes.

County Commissioner Chuck Schulz commented that Mr. Peter Collins has seen all of the county and city radios for all emergency departments.

Commissioner Alvarez asked about the radios for the Texas A&M University-Kingsville Police Department and NAS Kingsville.

Sheriff Kirkpatrick responded that they would be jointly affected as well. He believes that the radios would be nothing more than a patch to those radios, but they would have to be inclusive of it as they would have to have the opportunity to speak with them.

Commissioner Torres asked that if the university and NAS Kingsville get connected, will they be contributing to this as well?

Mr. Kyle Benson, Director of Information and Technology stated that both the university and NAS Kingsville have radios that would be compliant with the new system. The way they are connecting to us now would not change. The Phase 2 radios are backward compatible with Phase 1 networks. He further stated that we would be leveraging those until the time they are ready to make the investment, but connectivity would remain active.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that the quote for equipment, software, and licensing is \$186,595.00. There is a second quote for the upgrade of every radio, which we were quoted for 750 units, but we know we don't have that many units, so the price may be lower, the quote was \$62,000. He further stated that Dailey Wells, working through Peter Collins, if the city and county went jointly on this, pay it out over three fiscal years with the first payment due on December 12, 2023. The total amount for 750 units is \$249,408, in order to upgrade the radios to phase 2. Each payment is \$83,136.15, assuming that 750 radios would be upgraded. The first bill would be due December 12, 2023, the second bill due on October 12, 2024, and the last final bill due on October 12, 2025. What is being proposed is for the city to pay the first bill, which is due on December 12, 2023, with the second payment paid for by both entities and the last final payment to be paid by Kleberg County. This would allow the county to be able to budget accordingly for it.

Commissioner Hinojosa asked with the purchase of the equipment, who will retain it.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that if it goes on county property, the county would retain and same if it goes on city property, then the city would retain it.

Mayor Fugate asked for staff to put this item for consideration on the November 13, 2023, commission agenda. No action was taken by the City Commission on this item.

County Judge Madrid stated that his commissioners' court is ready to act on this item now, from the county's side. County Commissioners voted unanimously in favor.

2. Discuss and consider giving staff direction on potential City-County Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Medical Services in the northern section of Kleberg County. (City Manager).

Judge Madrid stated that a contract was not drawn up as he wanted to make sure if the city would like to assist the county with emergency medical services, it would give the Fire Chief the ability to meet with their ambulance service where they can meet on the meet and bounds for the service. Judge Madrid further stated that traditionally the county has had two ambulance services, one stationed in Rivera which covers Rivera and Ricardo with the other located in the City of Kingsville. He further stated that the prices across the state have gone extremely high as there is a shortage of services. He felt that in order to save our taxpayers some money, instead of having the second ambulance in the city and with the amounts of calls being very low, use the Fire Department which is closer to the University and manned 24/7 for the area that the second ambulance services. He stated that their ambulance would still be available to provide backup coverage in the event there were multiple calls at the same time. If the city decides that this is something they would like to assist with, a contract can then be worked on with all the details listed.

Commissioner Hinojosa commented that the judge is telling us, but he has always told city staff to not tell us but to show us. He further stated that he would like to show the statistics.

He also stated that his concern is not having the city covered with an ambulance while they are on a call for the county.

Mayor Fugate commented that the city has done this before while covering Bishop, TX for some time. He further commented that the city would need to have its cost covered.

Judge Madrid commented that when their Kingsville ambulance receives a call the Rivera ambulance comes to the Kingsville line and covers the area while the Kingsville ambulance is on a call. Judge Madrid stated that he had provided a report on ambulance runs for their area.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that he received the report, and the report shows that the current rate for outside ambulance companies has drastically increased largely because this unit receives a very low number of calls. The past year Kingsville-based County ambulance ran 210 calls which averages 17 calls per month in that response territory.

Mayor Fugate asked if the city had a provision in the Bishop agreement that if the city needed its ambulances back in the city limits, the city could opt out.

Ms. Alvarez responded that staff would need to look into the 2008 agreement with Bishop in order to see what exactly the agreement stated, but she believes the agreement had some language to that effect. She stated that she believed it stated that they would attempt to get in contact with at least two other providers prior to contacting the city for emergency services, for the Bishop agreement. She further stated that it also stated that whenever it seemed advisable from the senior officer of the Fire Department they could make the decision if the city had the apparatus and personnel available to respond to the call, if so, they could dispatch someone to the call. She further stated that in the agreement it also stated that the rendering of assistance is not mandatory if the asset is not available to render the aid. It also states that there is a bill that would be sent to the county per run with a bill sent to the individual who received the service.

Commissioner Hinojosa asked why the city no longer has this agreement with the Bishop, TX.

Ms. Alvarez responded that they were only in a temporary situation as they hadn't created the emergency service district, and they were also having an issue with the EMS provider.

Judge Madrid stated that the county did go out for bids on this service and did not end up choosing a provider and stayed with their current provider as the bids were expensive. He further stated that this is the county's Plan B with their Plan C being to choose one of the expensive providers.

Commissioner Alvarez asked what the cost would be now.

Judge Madrid responded that currently, they are paying \$500,000 in Rivera and if they get this one it will total to a little more than \$1 million.

Commissioner Alvarez asked what they were charging for the northern part of the county. Judge Madrid responded that he bought the county some time as he was going to try and negotiate with the city for those services. Judge Madrid stated that the county is hoping for a two-year contract for this ambulance service, at least until the Oxy Plant arrives. He also stated that he has been intimate with these EMS Systems as this is something he used to do during his years in the United States Navy. When the county went out for bids for their providers he also went out and spoke with other County Judges within the surrounding areas regarding situations when it comes to major emergencies, and it be required to have ambulance services. He stated that in an event as such, the city's ambulance can then move to the county line while both of the county ambulances are tending to the incident.

Commissioner Torres stated that she has a concern on how this would affect the city's Fire Department personnel and would like to know what the Fire Chief's thoughts in regard to his staff. Would this put a strain on the city's personnel and medical supplies if the city decides to get into this type of agreement?

Mr. J.J. Adame, Fire Chief stated that any time one commits to additional responsibilities there will be a need to cover those costs. He stated that they respond out to the county if requested by the county. A unit may be sent to the county depending on the coverage of the city. After hours, the commanders have the authority to dispatch a unit outside city limits, pending the level of coverage for the city. This is not something that has not been done in the past, but it would depend on what the level of commitment turns out to be.

Commissioner Torres asked who would do the billing. Chief Adame responded that they bill on calls that we make out on the county, which are handled by the city's billing company.

Commissioner Alvarez asked if the city had three ambulances. Chief Adame responded that there are two frontline units and one reserve unit.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that on the weekly reports he provides to the City Commission, a light week for our Fire Department is about 55 to 60 calls per week. A normal week would be more like in the 70's. There have been times that we have between 80 to 90 calls per week. This would mean one ambulance being out of the station at least every two hours. When one ambulance is out moving patients around, there is only one other ambulance that is available for any other calls. Whether the city could respond to a county call or not, would depend on what is being used at that particular time that a call is received for a county call.

Commissioner Torres asked if we would be able to qualify for the EMS Trauma Grant. If the city would be assisting the county, would the city be able to apply for the EMS Trauma Grant?

Judge Madrid stated that this would be a city grant as there are no grants for EMS Services that counties could apply for at this time. He further stated that this is a hot topic amongst counties at this time, as there are no grants that are available for counties for this type of service. He stated that to be able to order an ambulance, there is a two-year waiting period for it. He further stated that counties are not required by state statute to provide ambulance services. This is something that they have done for many years and feel that it is important enough to spend money on in order to provide emergency services to their taxpayers.

Mayor Fugate commented that this looks to be a bit premature at this time and suggested that the city's attorney meet with the county attorneys and Fire Chiefs and see what they can come up with.

Commissioner Hinojosa asked how many times the two city ambulances have been on a call at the same time with another call coming in all at the same time. Chief Adame responded that he would need to look into this.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that though the city has three ambulances, the city does not have the staff to be able to man the third ambulance. He further stated that this is doable if we understand the geographical area and how much this puts the city in jeopardy of not being able to cover our own citizens, which would be a big deal to our citizens. If the city can do it, he would support it, as the city's EMS would not be making runs all the way to Baffin Bay. If it's the north, between Armstrong and Hwy 77 up to the county line, it could be doable for the city, so long as the city is still able to provide coverage to its citizens.

Commissioner Alvarez asked that when there is an accident on what is called the 14-mile stretch, going towards the airport, who responds to those calls.

Mr. McLaughlin responded that it would all depend on who was dispatching at that time. If it is a minor accident the county would get dispatched, but depending on the nature of the injury the city may be asked to respond to the call as city EMS is closer to the area that needs the response. If the county needs to respond to the call, they will need to come from Rivera into town and out to Hwy 141 to respond to the call, which is about 8 miles to respond to a call in that area.

Commissioner Lopez asked for a number of individuals who are in that particular area. Judge Madrid responded that the city would be looking at about half a patient a day.

Mr. McLaughlin responded that he thinks it would be operationally feasible to do so long as we have a clear waterfall for the Fire Department and Dispatchers to know that they have no City of Kingsville ambulance dispatched, and they need an ambulance in the county and it would be dispatched to the geographical area, then they can dispatch it out. With this being said, it would mean that the second ambulance would need to be clearly tethered to the city for any city calls.

Judge Madrid commented that it would be needed for Chief Adame to put together a tactical plan with Kleberg Volunteer Fire Department and EMS that is stationed in Rivera, in the event they get called.

Mr. McLaughlin commented that he could work with Chief Adame in drafting an agreement with what could work for the city. This will give the county an understanding of what the capabilities are based on certain scenarios.

Judge Madrid commented that the county is building an operation center, and an office could be provided for them in that center.

Commissioner Alvarez asked about the amount of money that is being spoken about. Judge Madrid responded that the city already bills the county for any ambulance runs that are made to the county. Commissioner Alvarez stated that she wasn't sure if the county would be paying a flat fee for this service or if it would be per run.

Ms. Alvarez responded that in the past the city had a flat fee per run that was billed to the City of Bishop for each call.

Mayor Fugate commented that the city wouldn't know what the actual cost would be for each run.

Ms. Alvarez commented that for example, if a call comes in for ambulance service and our ambulance goes out on that run, for example, it would be \$250 that the governmental entity would be billed. Depending on what happens with the patient would be a separate bill, which for example could be \$900 or more, depending on the call and what is needed to tend to that patient, which will then go through the patient's insurance. She further stated that there is a cost to assist in providing the service and billing the patient's insurance.

Mayor Fugate commented that this may be a bit premature to consider at this time. Staff will need some time to draft an agreement that both entities agree upon.

Judge Madrid commented that he wanted the talks to begin on this and see what could be drafted that both entities would agree on for this service.

Commissioner Alvarez asked if the county had a timeframe that they would like this to be put in place. Judge Madrid responded that the sooner the better.

Discussion item only.

3. Discuss and consider giving staff direction on possible amendment of City-County Interlocal Agreement on Jail. (City Manager).

Judge Madrid stated that each year the jail bill has been increasing. The jail bill alone, not including the Sheriff's Office, the county had to budget over \$3 million into it this year. This covers health care, indigent defense, transportation, housing, and meals; with health care being the largest cost. He further commented that the County Commissioners came up with a standard rate for their jail and currently Kenedy County also utilizes the use of the jail as well. Madrid stated that they had an overtime issue as their jailers were spending a lot of time in the emergency room. They receive a large number of inmates, and the minute they are booked in the jail they start claiming health issues and by law, medical services must be rendered. He further commented that the County is mandated to pay for the health care coverage that is required by each inmate. He also stated that he always feels as if we are double taxing our taxpayers because when taxes are filed at the end of the year you pay into indigent health care. When it is required to take them into the emergency room and charge the county for it you are now charging each of them for their health care, when our taxpayers have already paid at the end of the year. He further stated that the Sheriff's Office budget is about \$6 million dollars for law enforcement.

Mayor Fugate asked what Kenedy County pays. Judge Madrid responded that it's the same amount that is being charged to the city, a flat rate. Madrid further commented that it is very expensive to run a detention center now and officers are being underpaid.

Commissioner Schulz stated that they have looked at the contract with the city and it looks like it's the same as it was in 2016.

Mr. McLaughlin responded that he and the City Attorney compared the county's proposal to the 2016 contract. He stated that he is aware that the city needs to pay for its fair share for city prisoners, but the city just doesn't know what that amount is. One of the questions asked was that the contract went from \$55 for a set number of beds and if the city exceeded the amount of beds the city used then the county would charge a premium above that. Now the new proposal from the county went to being by space with \$125 per bed. This is difficult for the city to budget for as we wouldn't know how many prisoners the city would have. He further stated that the city is all for paying its fair share but would like to see how the \$125 was calculated.

Ms. Alvarez stated that this is for only city inmates who are jailed for city warrants for only city charges. It's not for the guy that goes and burglarizes in the town, which would not be a

city charge, it would be a state jail charge. The city would not get charged for that particular inmate as it is not a city prisoner, and he would not be there for a city charge or for a warrant.

Commissioner Torres asked if the city inmates are those that usually have warrants. Ms. Alvarez responded that only for Class C warrants. A city inmate would be one with a Class C warrant or Class C offenses. Commissioner Torres further asked if the city is paying \$55 per day for 7 beds only, could the city do a give and take if the city would be providing ambulance service for a certain area of the county.

Ms. Alvarez stated that this would be two separate agreements.

Judge Madrid commented that by having it separate it keeps it simpler. The city provides a service for the county, the county will pay for that service and vice versa. He further stated that he understands that it is very hard to do an anticipated expenditure sheet according to how many inmates the entity will have at any given time. He further stated that with the wording on the new proposed contract, and space availability, that language can be changed to read differently, such as having seven beds.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that at one point the county was low on jail guards, which hurt the city because inmates were not allowed due to staffing.

Judge Madrid stated that while he was working on his budget, he thought it was unfair to charge the city for beds not being used, so that language was removed. He further stated that on this agreement the city has the option that if a city inmate needed emergency room care, the county would bill the city the amount that would be paid to the officer tending the city's inmate or the city can replace the officer with a city officer to sit with the city's inmate and relieve the county officer to return to the jail.

Mr. McLaughlin asked how this would be different from the 2016 agreement.

Ms. Alvarez responded that what Judge Madrid is speaking about with regard to if an inmate to go to any type of medical facility the city would have the option to either pay for the sheriff's personnel tending to the city's inmate or send one of our own officers for coverage purposes.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that the original contract from 2016 states that if a City of Kingsville inmate needs to be transported to a hospital in an emergency, Kleberg County shall provide adequate and reasonable security to secure the inmate while at the hospital.

Ms. Alvarez stated that if they were arrested on a state charge they would become the county prisoners, so the county would be responsible. She stated that what is being said is that if the prisoner is a city prisoner under city warrants and the only reason they are in the jail, that's when the city beds would be charged and when that section of the clause would be triggered.

Judge Madrid states that this reflects the overtime that is being paid to the county employee for sitting with an inmate at the hospital.

Commissioner Hinojosa asked if there were any federal prisoners in the jail. Judge Madrid responded no. Commissioner Hinojosa further commented he also agrees that the city should pay its fair share.

Mr. McLaughlin commented that if the \$125 per bed is what is being charged to all other entities that house their inmates, then he is fine, so long as the City Commission agrees, as well as having a certain number of beds for city inmates. He further stated that there is a clause in the proposed contract regarding health care costs for a city inmate. He stated that he does not recall the city ever having to pay for health care costs.

Judge Madrid commented that as far as the health care costs, it would be whatever bill is sent for the care of that city inmate.

Sheriff Kirkpatrick commented that it cannot be predicted what type of health care will be needed if an inmate requires medical care.

Mr. Bradley Lile, Interim Police Chief commented that if the inmate was solely in for Class C, City of Kingsville charges and had medical issues, the Patrol Supervisors can give a promise to appear. We will not delay someone's medical care if it's needed. He further stated that he only ask to define what the city charges are.

Commissioner Alvarez asked if there is something that states what city charges are.

Mr. McLaughlin responded no, as we never had this in the past. It would need to be listed on the draft that says Kingsville shall reimburse Kleberg County for any and all hospital health care, prescription and non-prescription drugs provided to an inmate housed by Kleberg for Kingsville. He stated that is it being assumed that this is for a city prisoner on a misdemeanor.

Judge Madrid stated that this is due to the county's medical bills being so high. He is not sure how many of those inmates who required medical assistance were city inmates or county inmates. What is only being asked is for the city to pay only city inmates. It is hard to say what the amount of the medical bill would be for an inmate, as it depends on what they are going in for.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if the city has an inmate in the county jail today, and what is the fee that the city is being charged.

Judge Madrid responded that the city is being charged \$125 per day, which is the new rate. He further stated that the purpose of the contract is to guarantee the city the bed space and price per day.

Commissioner Hinojosa asked if staff had seen how the county came up with \$125 per day. Mr. McLaughlin stated that he had not, but he never saw how they arrived at the \$55 per day from the previous contract. Commissioner Hinojosa stated that he would like to see the documentation that shows how the county arrived at the \$125 per day.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that city staff would need a few days to review the proposed contract and if any questions arise, they would contact county staff.

Discussion item only. No action was taken.

4. Discuss any other projects that involve both the City and the County. (City Manager).

Mr. McLaughlin stated that an update on the JK parking lot, the city set aside \$150,000, using Tourism funds, to improve the facility will give it a chance to get events that will put heads in beds. Funds of \$85,000 have already been used for the west side of that facility leaving about \$75,000 remaining. Mr. McLaughlin stated that he has had conversations with his Public Works Director about beginning work on the east side of the facility. He further stated that the agreement with the county was that the city would do \$150,000 of parking lot work and any overages would be paid by the county. So, the thought is if Commissioner Rosse's staff has the same equipment as the city, then if the county prepped it then the city can pave it with the remaining \$75,000 and any overages would be less because the county would have done the prep work. If the city has to do all the work, then it could be more expensive for the county.

Commissioner Rosse commented that he would have to go out to the site and look at all that would need to be done as he is just now having a full staff, which he has not had in the past four years.

Mr. McLaughlin commented that city staff could meet with county staff at the site as city staff have already looked at the site and have an idea of what would be needed.

Commissioner Rosse stated that he can commit to it, but with weather permitting.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that Judge Madrid had asked if this project could be completed before the livestock show in January.


Judge Madrid commented that he understands if the project is unable to be completed before the livestock show. He stated that they are still on task for April, as the Emergency Operation Center should be completed by the end of December, but on task for April.

VII. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 P.M.


Sam R. Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary Valenzuela, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary