


**SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT/BUDGET WORKSHOP
JUNE 28, 2019
2:30 P.M.**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this day, the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Brooks County, Texas met in Special Term therein the City of Falfurrias in the 2nd floor Courtroom of the Brooks County Courthouse:

OPEN MEETING-Judge Eric Ramos called the meeting to order at 2:37 PM 

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-was led by Judge Eric Ramos

ROLL CALL-Judge Eric Ramos called for roll call:

Present: Eric Ramos, County Judge,
Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1,
Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2,
Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3,
Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk (Not voting).

Staff Present:

Missy A. Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Public Comments

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court in reference to bill that has passed, allowing the public to comment after every line item.

2. Discuss, consider, and act on line item transfer of \$575.91 from 012-5-0401-9000 Official Bonds to 012-5-0401-8204 Workers Compensation in the amount of \$184.12, to 012-5-0401- 9010 Dues in the amount of \$182.00, to 012-5-0401-9070 Miscellaneous in the amount \$24.79 and to 012-5-0401-9080 Registration Fees in the amount of \$185.00.


(Submitted by August Patroelj) 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 5).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

3. Discuss, consider, and act on line item transfer of \$1,000.00 from 012-5-0641-5450

Indigent- Pharmacy and \$1,000.00 from 012-5-0641-5457 County Out-Patient Expense to 012- 5-0641-5456 County In-Patient Expense. (Submitted by Bobby Saenz) 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 5).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

4. Discuss, consider, and act on line item transfer of 25,000.00 from 012-5-0409-5417 Grant

Matching to 012-5-0409-9500 Technology. (Submitted by County Judge) 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yay = 5).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

5. Discuss, consider, and act on line item transfer of \$1,000.00 from 012-5-0495-5255 Computer Expense – Equipment to 012-5-0495-5830 Records Management.

(Submitted by August Patroelj) 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 5).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

6. Discuss, consider, and act on line item transfer of \$2,874.50 from 012-5-0510-9505 Capital Outlay to 012-5-0510-5205 Lawn Maintenance Supplies in the amount of \$500.00, to 012-5- 0510-9068 Contract Labor in the amount of \$1,600.00 and to 012-5-0510-9507 Cap. Outlay- Sprinkler System in the amount of \$774.50. (Submitted by August Patroelj)



Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 5).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

7. Discuss, consider, and act on line item transfer of \$100.00 from 012-0550-5230 Supplies

to 012-5-0550-5820 Repairs & Maint. Vehicles. (Submitted by Arturo Garcia) 

Judge Eric Ramos makes reference to a typo of line item 012-0550-5230 should be 012-05-0550-5230.

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 5).


Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

9. Discuss, consider, and act on line item transfer of \$11.10 from 012-5-0456-9000 Official Bonds to 012-5-0456-8204 Workers Compensation. (Submitted by Oralia Morales) 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 5).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

8. Discuss, consider, and act on line item transfer of \$10,000.00 from 012-5-0510-5720 Utilities –Water to 012-5-0510-5508 Blumer & Hospital Annex Improvements in the amount of \$7,000.00 and to 012-0510-5120 Janitorial Supplies in the amount of \$3,000.00. (Submitted by Beto Muniz) 

Judge Eric Ramos made reference to a typo of line item 012-0510-5120 should be 012-05-0510-5120.

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 5).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

10. Discuss, consider, and act on line item transfer of \$585.00 from 012-5-0401-9000 Official Bonds and \$175.03 from 012-5-0401-5552 Comm #1 Out of County Travel to 012-5-0401- 8204 Workers Compensation in the amount of \$368.24, to 012-5-0401-9010 Dues in the Amount of \$182.00, to 012-5-0401-9070 Miscellaneous in the amount of \$24.79, and To 012-5-0401-9080 Registration Fees in the amount of \$185.00.

(Submitted by August Patroelj) 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 5).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

11. Discuss, consider, and act on line item transfer of \$2,000.00 from 012-5-0562-8136

Dispatchers to 012-5-0562-8129 Overtime. (Submitted by Jorge Esparza) 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 5).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

12. Discuss, consider, and act that the Road and Bridge, the County Landfill, and the Maintenance Department be under all the Commissioners Court Instead of only the Judge.

(Submitted by Commissioner Rolando Gutierrez) 

This item was discussed in open Court, explanation and clarification was discussed on certain issues. Commissioner Garza stated that there is no problem in Judge Eric Ramos overseeing the landfill and Road and Bridge and signing timesheets, but would like to know of any changes to these departments.

At 3:05 PM the Court went into Executive session for the reason of discussion of Personnel issues. At 3:34 PM the Court came back into open session. Present: same as before.

The Court continued to discuss the above matter. **Motion:** to table, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2, **None seconded.** Motion dies, due to lack of second.

No action was taken, discussion only.

13. Discuss, consider, and act on changing official Landfill hours.

(Submitted by County Judge) 

Ruby Allen, Landfill Supervisor addressed the Court on the above matter.

Mrs. Allen addressed the Court in reference to the comparison of hours of operation of the surrounding counties.

Motion: to table till the next meeting, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 5).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. Consultation Regarding Proposed Tax Abatements for Alexis Solar Project.

Item was not discussed in closed session.

OPEN SESSION

15. Discuss, consider, and act on Approving Tax Abatements for Alexis Solar Project.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that he just received the paperwork before the meeting, and has asked for the item to be tabled for review.

Motion: table till the next meeting, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 5).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

16. 2020 Budget Workshop.

The Court discussed the above matter, on the following items:

- Honorable Judge Eric Ramos handed out worksheet to the Commissioners to list their goals,
 - Discussed fixing the weight scales with our ending fund balance, giving the departments a Capital Fund of \$2000/\$2500 and then working a rotation system to buy chairs, computers, desk etc.
 - Talked about a road and bridge building to be built using road and bridge fund surplus
 - Library roof is in bad condition and needs to be fixed
 - Discussed certain offices that are a little over budget
 - Discussed the purchasing of another tower for communications (Sheriff, Fire Department, EMS, Southern Brooks)
 - Discussed roads and road repair (purchasing good equipment)
 - Other issues: owe our employees their 5 % raise back; in moving the bills from the Auditors to the Treasurer's Office; moving personal from the Auditors to the Treasurer's with talking to Judge Terrell; Two Constables will be retiring and discussed a possible consolidation; in helping the City on law enforcement responsibilities and considering the consolidating of the Sheriff and the City to the Sheriff's Office and with the City helping with the funds, but needs to look into this more
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17. Adjourn


Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 PM, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 5).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 25th day of NOVEMBER, 2019, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:



County Clerk