


**SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS' COURT/BUDGET WORK SHOP**  
**July 25, 2019**  
**3:45 P.M.**  
**2nd FLOOR COURTROOM**  
**BROOKS COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

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 3:52 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.

**Staff Present:**


Missy A. Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

**Others Present:**

Angie Saenz, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant County Auditor

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**1. Public Comment**

No public comments were said at this time.  
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**2. Discuss, consider, and act on line item transfer of \$349.16 from 012-5-0400-8103 Admin. Assistant to 012-5-0400-5550 Out of County Travel Expense. ( Submitted by Judges office)** 

**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:** Yes = 5).

**Yes:** 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.

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**3. Discuss, consider, and act on line item transfer of \$65.00 from 012-5-0500-9040 Election to 012-5-0500-5570 Training Seminars Exp.( Submitted by Anna Garcia)**

**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:** Yes = 5).

**Yes:** 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.

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**4. Discuss, consider, and act on line item transfer of \$350.00 from 012-5-0560-5000 Office Supplies to 012-5-0560-9080 Registration Fees. (Submitted by Jorge Esparza)**



**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:** Yes = 5).

**Yes:** 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.

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**5. Discuss, consider, and act on line item transfer of \$4,000.00 from 012-5-0560-5515 Radio Maintenance & Repairs to 012-5-0560-5820 Repairs & Maint. Vehicles.**

**(Submitted by Jorge Esparza)**

**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:** Yes = 5).

**Yes:** 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.

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**6. Discuss, consider, and act on line item transfer of \$600.00 from 012-5-0512-8201 Social Security Tax to 012-5-0512-5135 Supplies-Other. (Submitted by**

**Jorge Esparza)**

**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:** Yes = 5).

**Yes:** 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.


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**7. Discuss, 2019-2020 Fiscal Year budget**

At this time the Court addressed the above matter; it was stated that the Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector is working on the tax numbers to see what our effective tax rate would be and a possible recess to work with some numbers; discussed actual and projected numbers; 5% raise excluding the jailers; talked about paying all JP secretaries the same; increasing the maintenance supervisor to match other supervisor pay; discussed a possibility of increasing road and bridge employees salary.

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**Motion:** to recess till 10:30 AM tomorrow, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3.

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

**Yes:** 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.

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 At 10:40 AM, Friday July 26, 2019, the came continued to recess; Honorable Judge Eric Ramos called the meeting to order.

**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

**Others Present:**

Angie Saenz, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant County Auditor

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The Court continued to discuss line item #7; Judge Ramos stated that Mrs. Silvas is having some difficulties with the system used for the tax rate, numbers given are great numbers but don't think they are accurate.

At this time the Court took at 15 minute recess to wait for Terri A Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector, to bring the numbers.

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The Court came back into session at 11:35 AM; Present: same as before.  
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Judge Ramos stated that yesterday the County received the values from the Appraisal District late in the afternoon. Terri A Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor

Collector addressed the Court on working out the tax rate and having to work with the numbers manually. The effective tax rate for 2019 is .0926225 producing a tax levy of \$5,134,687.00; last year's tax rate was .094505. Mrs. Silvas presented the individual tax rate- General Fund .622856, Debt .091639, Farm to Market .128031; Special R& B .083699, which equals the .0926225.

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**Open Session**

**8. Adjourn**

**Motion:** to adjourn at 11:45 am, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Yes:** 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.

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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 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019, A.D.

**APPROVED:**

  
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County Judge

**ATTESTED:**

  
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County Clerk