

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS' COURT/BUDGET WORK SHOP
August 12, 2019
10:00 A.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 10:07 AM 

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:

August Patroelj, County Auditor
Angie Saenz, 1st Assistant County Auditor

AGENDA

1. Public Comments 

Alan Hernandez, County Treasurer addressed the Court in reference to a comment that was mentioned in a previous meeting.

2. Discuss, consider and act on 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget 

The Court addressed the following:

- Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector gave the tax rates for the following: General Fund .619038; Debt .095457; Farm to Market .128010; Special Road and Bridge Fund .083712

- Discussed increases to the following Revenues line item 4005; 4334;7034 and adding another line for JP Truancy collections;
- Discussed decreases for Official Bonds for the County Judges, County Clerk, a decrease for Grant Matching; Telephone; Miscellaneous/Supplies; Crt. Appt Attys-Criminal; Juvenile Court-Crt Appt. Attys;
- Discussed decreases in the District Court and will be talking to Judge Terrell after lunch: Crt. Appt. Attys-Criminal; Contract Court Reporting; District Judge Telephone; Visting Judge Expenses; Repairs and Maint.; Visiting Judge Salary; Jurors Meals; Miscellaneous; adding \$25,000 to Supplement
- Discussed decrease of Official Bonds: District Clerk, JP#1, JP#2, JP#3, JP#4, County Attorney, County Auditor (with the permission of Judge Terrell), County Treasurer,
- Discussed decrease on Election Exp; Courthouse and Buildings: decrease in Utilities-Water; 9507 ; Jail: decrease 5136; Constable Precinct 1-4: decrease 5550; Sheriff: decrease 5550, 8129; Traffic Division 5105, 5550, 9070; Sheriff/Disptachers 5000, 9000, 9080; Tx DPS 5000; LEPC Coordinator 8129, 9070; State Indigent 5456, 5457;
- Discussed transfers Fund 20 –Expenses-decrease 5135, 5201, 5483, 5702, 9060 (Mr. Patroelj, stated that he was sure about those cuts, since the Court just approved a new contract); Fund 101- Revenues, landfill pick up and charges,
- Discussed Consolidation Fund 106 –decrease 5550; 5812; 5865;
- Discussed Fund 13-decreases and increases
- Discussed revising two tax rates: Farm to Market to .083699 and the Road and Bridge to .128031 with a total effective tax rate being .926225; County Judge stated that he thinks that the budget might be a little short.

Motion: to table line items 2 and 3, **Action:** Adjourn, **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.

3. Discuss, consider and act on 2019-2020 Salaries

Motion for this Line item was in conjunction with line item #2.

4. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn at 11:20 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **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.

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 10th day of September, 2019, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:

Kelvin B. Gilman
County Clerk