


SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT/ BUDGET WORK SHOP

August 20, 2019

10:30 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: 39 AM 

The Court took a moment of silence in remembrance of Mr. Edward Ogdee.

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 County Clerk

Others Present:

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

AGENDA

6. Discuss, consider and act on the Interlocal Agreement between the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, hereinafter called the "TxDMV" and the County of Brooks. (Submitted by Teresa Silvas, Chief Deputy TAC)




Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector addressed the court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve interlocal agreement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2. Motion passed unanimously. **(On file)**

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.

7. Discuss, consider and act on the Resolution on the Interlocal Agreement between the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, hereinafter called the "TxDMV" and the County of Brooks. (Submitted by Teresa Silvas, Chief Deputy TAC) 

Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector addressed the court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve resolution, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2. Motion passed unanimously. **(On file)**

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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1. Public Comment 

Anna M. Garcia addressed the Court as a tax payer, employee, and as a friend, believes that the bond should be placed on hold as this time.

TxDPS Sgt. James Braswell, Weight addressed the Court in reference to work needed at the weight scales.

2. Discus 2019-2020 Budget 

- Discussed issues at the weight scales and work needing to be done, once fixed it would bring more money to the County;
- Discussed the revenue amount with the new tax rates totaling \$5,882,145.00 making the revenues lower than last year by \$381,535.00; with no increase in revenues, not able to touch the ending fund balance, leaving the only option of cutting employees or doing away with the bond; discussed doing away with the bond and what consequences will be held.

At 11:20 AM the Court took a short recess for the Judge to speak with Bobby Villarreal in reference to not going with the bond and to be back at 2:00 PM

The Court came back into session at 2:02 PM, Present same as before.

Honorable Judge Ramos stated that he spoke with Don Gonzalez and nothing bad would come about this, there would not be any penalties; besides the reputation that the County didn't go with the bond.

The Court continued to discuss line item #2

- It was stated that even though we will not be going with the bond, will raises still be done, Judge Ramos stated no
 - Discussed the weight scales and the issuance of tickets
No action was taken, discussion only.
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3. Discuss, consider, and act on rescinding a motion from August 13, 2019 Regular Commissioners court meeting line items 25 and 26

Motion: to table line items 3-5 until Friday's meeting, **Action:** Table, **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:** 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.

4. Discuss, consider and act on accepting certified total appraised assessed an taxable values of all property and total taxable of new property in Brooks County as certified by the Brooks County Appraisal District, the Governing Body Summary #1A and #2A, and the 2019 Planning Calendar. (Submitted by Teresa Silvas, Chief Deputy TAC)

Line item was in conjunction with line item #3

5. Discuss, consider and act on tax rate; if proposed tax rate will exceed the rollback rate or the effective tax rate (whichever is lower,) take record, vote and schedule public hearings.

(Submitted by Teresa Silvas, Chief Deputy TAC)

Line item was in conjunction with line item #3

8. Adjourn


Motion: to adjourn at 2:44 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Eric Ramos, County Judge, **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.

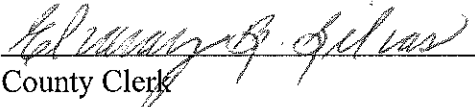
The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 10th day of September, 2019, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:



County Clerk