


SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT/ BUDGET WORKSHOP

August 23, 2019

3:30 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 3:35 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 County Clerk


Others Present:

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

AGENDA

1. Public Comment

No Public comments were said at this time.

2. Discuss 2019-2020 budget. 

The Court discussed the above matter in open Court with the following topics:

- Discontinuing the tax discount
- Discussed a lawsuit reimbursing taxes paid
- A plus of \$102,000.00 to the Sheriff's department budget for the purchase of vehicle as a debt
- Only personnel cut-recently is a full time position at the landfill to a part time position
- Changing the request from the District Attorney from Fund 12 back to the Fund 63 since there was remaining monies left, full time position will remain a part time.

2. Discuss, consider, and act on rescinding a motion from August 13, 2019
Regular Commissioners Court Meeting line items 6 and 7.

Item was passed by the Court

3. Discuss, consider and act on order authorizing the issuance of \$1,000,000 in principal amount of Brooks County, Texas tax note, series 2019; securing the payment thereof by authorizing the levy of an annual ad valorem tax; and approving and authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement, a purchase letter, and all other instruments and procedures related thereto.

Item was passed by the Court

4. Discuss, consider and act on order authorizing the issuance, sale, and delivery of \$1,400,000 in principal amount of Brooks County, Texas general obligation refunding bond, series 2019; approving the form and authorizing the execution of all instruments and procedures related thereto including a deposit agreement, a paying agent/registrar agreement, and a purchase contract and investment letter; and calling for redemption all of county's outstanding certificates of obligation, series 2004.

Item was passed by the Court

5. Discuss, consider, and act on rescinding a motion from August 13, 2019
Regular Commissioners court meeting line items 25 and 26.

Motion: to rescind the motion previously made, **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.


6. 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)

Terri A Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector addressed the Court on the above matter, stating that the only thing changing is the Summary #2A.

Motion: to approve the above item, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. 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 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)

Motion: to approve the proposed tax rate of .921030, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. 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.

9. Discuss consider and act on the 2019-2020 Fiscal year Proposed Budget.

Recess at 4:04 PM back in session at 4:06 PM; Present same as before.

Recessed till Monday August 26, 2019 at 10:00 AM

The Court continued pursuant to recess on Monday, August 26, 2019 time was changed to 1:30 PM due to District Court being in session and the place was changed back to the Courtroom due to not enough seating space.

OPEN MEETING-Judge Eric Ramos called the meeting to order at 1:50 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).

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The Court continued to discuss line item #9

- Discussed the refinancing of the bond; the possibility of not going with the bond, bringing a lawsuit against the County; in going with the bond saves in interest
- The ending page has a plus of \$6, 046.52; the Court has a choice to accept the proposed budget as is or go through it again and review the budget before.

Motion: to table and give the judge more time to review the budget, **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:** 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.

8. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 1:56PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **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:** 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.

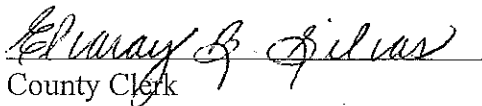
The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 8th day of October, 2019, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:



County Clerk