


REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT
December 10, 2019
1:30 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 Regular 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 1:37 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 County Clerk

Others Present:

Angie Saenz, 1st Assistant Auditor

AGENDA

1. Public Comments 

Wayne Johnson addressed the Court in reference to speeding and needing more patrol in (South) Precinct 3.

2. Approve of Regular and Special Commissioners' Court minutes. 

Motion: to approve the minutes as presented by the County Clerk, **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.

3. Approve of Bills and Claims 

Motion: to approve the bills and claims as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4. 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.

4. Approve Monthly Reports 

- A. Treasurer's Monthly Report
- B. Auditor's Monthly Report
- C. Tax Assessor Collector Chief Deputy Monthly Report
- D. Approve Monthly Reports by Brooks County
(Submitted by County Foreman)
(Submitted by Brooks County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1-4)
(Submitted by Brooks County Library Supervisor, Angelica Regalado)
(Submitted by Ruby Allen, Landfill Supervisor)

Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented the Motor Vehicle Report for November 2019;

Motion: to approve the monthly reports as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **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.


EXECUTIVE SESSION- At 1:42 PM the Court went into Executive Session to discuss the following items; discussing personnel.

13. Discuss Employment/Resignations/Retirements and other Personnel Issues.

14. Discuss the resignation of District Clerk Noe Guerra.

15. Discuss appointing a District Clerk.

At 1: 55 PM the Court came back into open session.  Present same as before.

16. Discuss, consider and act on the Approval of the Proposed Candidate for the County Extension Agent position in Brooks County. (Submitted by Ruben J. Saldana) 

Dr. Saldana addressed the Court on the above matter in reference to the vacated position at the Extension office and recommends Nikolo Guerra for the position.

Motion: to approve the recommendation of Marcus Nikolo Guerra and will be starting December 16th, **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.

17. Discuss, consider, and act on appointing a District Clerk. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read the official resignation letter from Noe Guerra, Jr.; Commissioner Williams thanked Mr. Guerra for his year of service.


Motion: to appoint Lesvia Gonzalez as the new District Clerk, **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.

5. Agrilife Extension reports (reports for information only) 

Informational purposes only.

6. Agrilife Certificate Presentation 

Katarina Rodriguez and Dr. Saldana thanked Commissioner Olivarez for attending the previous continuing education in Laredo. Also presented him with a certificate, on his completion of 6 hours of continuing education. Informational purposes only.

7. Update on Bond Projects 

Judge Eric Ramos made reference to calendar dates; having issues with the Blumer Building in the possibility of demolishing and making a smaller building or just renting it out. **(On file)**

8. Discuss, consider and act on Brooks County noise ordinance. 

(Submitted by Brooks County Judge Eric Ramos)

Judge Ramos stated that he brought this to the Commissioners Court for their opinion. Wayne Johnson addressed the Court on the above matter and is asking for a noise ordinance in rural Encino. It was discussed that if the Court went through with the noise ordinance would need to get some help from TAC.

Motion: to move forward with the noise ordinance and to contact TAC, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 4, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

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

No: Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1.

9. Discuss, consider and act on authorizing the Adult Probation Office to initiate and administer a Personal bond program. (Submitted by Brooks County Judge Eric Ramos)



Albert Ramirez, BCCS Supervisor addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to authorize the Adult Probation Office to initiate and administer a Personal bond program, **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:** 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.

10. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$6,375.00 from 013-5-0033-5827 Road Construction/Improvement; \$7,000.00 from 013-5-0033-9097 CDL Incentive; \$1,250.00 from 013-5-0033-9098 Animal Control; \$5,439.28 from 013-5-0033-9500 Capital Outlay-Machinery; \$17,850.00 to 013-5-0410-8101 Misc. Cola; \$94.50 to 013-5-0410-8206 TCDRS-GTL; \$1,365.53 to 013-5-0410-8201 Social Security; \$754.25 to 013-5-0410-8203 Retirement.

(Submitted by Brooks County Judge Eric Ramos)

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **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.

11. Discuss, consider and act on modifying the hours and charges at the Brooks County

Landfill.

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

The Court discussed the above matter in open Court; Commissioner Olivarez asked if it was possible in maybe offering some sort of discount for the senior citizens and veterans (10%);

Motion: not to change the hours or fees, to leave as is, **Action:** Approve, **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:** 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.

12. Discuss, consider and act on new rules/regulations at the Brooks County Landfill.

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

Motion: to approve the new rules and regulations, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4. Motion passed unanimously. (**On file**)

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 3, No = 2, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1.

No: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

18. Discuss, consider and act on Employment/Resignations/Retirements.

Item was in conjunction with line item #17.

19. Adjourn.

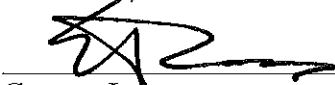
Motion: to adjourn at 2:50 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously.

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 14th day of January, 2020, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:



County Clerk