

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
January 25, 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 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 1:33 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 Clerk


Others Present:

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

AGENDA

1. Public Comments 

No public comments at this time


2. Discuss, consider and act on Brooks County Sheriff's Office salary adjustments for Deputies. See attachment letter for breakdown. 
(Submitted by Jorge Esparza, Commander)

Commander Esparza addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve salary adjustments to become effective February 1st, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2, **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.


3. Discuss, and consider and act on line item transfer of \$14,000.00 from 013-5-0000-8107 Part- Time to 013-5-0000-8105 Workers. 

David Guerra, Road and Bridge Foreman addressed the Court on the above matter.

Mr. Guerra stated that the transfer is for a salary adjustment for 7 employees. **Motion:** to approve line item transfer, to become effective February 1st, **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.


4. Discuss, consider and act on the approval of sending two 1997 Ford dump trucks to the Sheriff's Department for auction on March 9, 2019. 

David Guerra, Road and Bridge Foreman addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve the auctioning of two dump trucks and to have Mr. Guerra talk to Apple Towing on a possible starting bid if not guaranteed would then be placed on the website, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2, **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.

7. Discuss, and consider and act the acceptance of monies from the Williams Plant for the Emergency Management Program. (Submitted by Lamar Villarreal) 


Item was passed, not properly worded.

8. Discuss, consider and act on Budget Amendment presented by the Brooks County District Attorney.

Item was passed by the court

9. Discuss, consider and act on Budget Amendment presented by the District Judge.

Item was passed by the Court

10. Discuss, consider and act on the approval of the Ed Rachel Library Board for the 2019-2021 Term. 

Angie Regalado addressed the Court on the above matter.

The Court discussed appointing the members for a two year term. **Motion:** to approve the members for the 2019-2021 term, **Action:** Approve, **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.

11. Discuss, consider and act on changing the time of the Brooks County Commissioners

Court Meetings. 

Motion: to change the time to 10 AM, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Yes: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

No: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4.

 At 1:55 PM the Court went into Executive Session to discuss line items 12-14, the Court came back to open session at 2:38 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. Update on COLA.

Discussion only.

13. Discuss, on the appointing individual who will be to in charge at the Road and Bridge Department in the absence of the Foreman and Assistant Foreman.


(Submitted by David Guerra)

Discussion only.

14. Update on Tax Office Investigation (Submitted by Pepe Williams)

Discussion only.


5. Discuss, and consider and act on the appointing individual who will be to in charge at the Road and Bridge Department in the absence of the Foreman and Assistant Foreman.

(Submitted by David Guerra) 

Motion: to appoint Rosendo Garcia to be in charge when the Foreman and Assistant Foreman are not present, **Action:** Approve, **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.

6. Update on Tax Office Investigation (Submitted by Pepe Williams) 

Commissioner Williams stated that since there is a pending investigation, and have been given an update, he stated that they proceed with the investigation. No action taken, discussion only.

15. Adjourn.

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 2:41 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 223 and ending on page 226, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume 37, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 17th day of February, 2019, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:

Charany G. Silvas
County Clerk