

**SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
January 25, 2019  
4:00 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 4:00 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Auditor

**AGENDA**

**1. Budget Workshop for unexpected revenue.** 

- sale of an easement giving the county \$199,314.00; discussed using these monies to supplement the District Attorney (\$74,000.00) and District Judge's Office (\$22,500.00) in the amount of \$100,500.00
- instead of using the fund balance to supplement these expenses will now be used towards roof repairs
- \$10,000 to the library for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, roof repairs, painting, and events
- \$5,314.00 to the Jail for the repairing of a building for storage
- \$5,000.00 to the rodeo arena
- \$4,000.00 grounds

- \$21,758.74 Full time position for the Judge's Office; to prepare grants; help with the Treasurer's office with the job descriptions
  - Professional and contractual services
  - Discussed that the County Attorney is asking for a Part-timer for his office totaling \$9,000.00
  - Discussed extending the public library hours three days a week and staying open on Saturdays; the school is willing to fund 5 new computers and a printer
  - Discussed the purchasing of two extra voting machines totaling \$33,818.00; designated area for storage for the machines/supplies; but is ok with one \$17,172.00
- Listen to audio for the complete discussion due to changes in amounts-**
- Continued to discuss increases and decreases for the unexpected revenue

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**2. Discuss, consider and act on special revenue budget.** 

**Motion:** to approve of changes discussed, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. Motion passed unanimously.

**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, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1.

**No:** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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**3. Adjourn.**

**Motion:** to adjourn at 4:57 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.

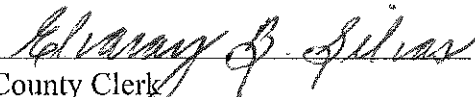
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The preceding minutes beginning on page 227 and ending on page 228, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume 37, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 10th day of February, 2019, A.D.

**APPROVED:**

  
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County Judge

**ATTESTED:**

  
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County Clerk