

**REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**March 12, 2019**  
**10:00 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 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 10:10 AM.

**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

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**AGENDA**

**1. Public Comments** 

Nora Salinas, JP Pct#3 addressed the Court with an update on an 82 year old female being attacked by bees and that safety precautions need to be taken and addressed.

Bobby Saenz on raising funds for the 4H west club and that they will be holding a movie on the courthouse lawn tomorrow at 7:30 PM.


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**ACTION ITEMS:**

**2. Approve of Regular and Special Commissioners Court minutes for dates February 12, 2019 and February 15, 2019.** 

**Motion:** to approve the minutes as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2, **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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**3. Discuss, consider and act on the correction of minutes of the following dates and agenda items, to include the words "On File" January 8, 2019, Line Item Addendum #1 (Submitted by Elvaray B. Slivas, County Clerk)** 

**Motion:** to approve correction, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **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.

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**4. Bills and Claims** 

**Motion:** to approve the bills and claims as presented by the County Auditor, **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.

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**5. 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)

Honorable Judge Ramos stated that the Treasurer's report would be passed and placed on the special meeting; August Patroelj, County Auditor addressed the Court with the regular monthly report for the month of February 2019, a debt report and the Brooks County Revenue Report; Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector addressed the court with her monthly report for the month of February 2019.

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


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**INFORMATION ITEMS****6. Discuss the Falfurrias Health Fair 2019 on April 13, 2019 Easter Celebration and Community Health Fair. (Submitted by Martha Paredes RN at Falfurrias High School)**


Honorable Judge Ramos stated that this is something that the County sponsors and just for information. **No action taken discussion only**

**7. Presentation by Mr. Mario Olivarez representing Provision Corporation.** 

Mario Olivarez, insurance industry for Veterans in reference to an insurance called Premiere 105, program has been pated as a medical reimbursement program, will cost the employee and employer a \$0 cost. Honorable Judge Ramos referred Mr. Olivarez to the County Auditor and County Treasurers' Offices

**8. Presentation by Robert Pena representing Cypress Creek-Solar Presentation, information on solar energy in Southern Brooks County.** 

Item was passed by Judge Ramos.

**ACTION ITEMS****9. Discuss, consider and act on the Memorandum of Agreement with Brooks County and Texas A & M HSC Medication Assistance Program.**   
**(Submitted by Sandra G. Garcia, Program Manager)**


Sandra G. Garcia, Program Manager and Starr Flores Regional Director addressed the Court on the above matter with a short presentation.

**Motion:** to approve the Memorandum of Agreement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **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.

Went back to line item #5 to discuss an audit from TCEQ and to contract with Hanson Professional Services INC \$7,224 and is to be billed monthly.


**18. 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)** 

Ruben J. Saldana addressed the Court on the above matter with a recommendation of Ms. Katarina Rodriguez starting April 1<sup>st</sup> with the Extension Agent and beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> with the County.

**Motion:** to approve the recommendation of Mr. Saldana in the hiring of Ms. Rodriguez, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2, **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.

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**10. Discuss, consider and act on Brooks County Annual Audit Presentation for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018 by Mr. Raul Hernandez, CPA.** 

The Court passed line items 10, 11, and 12.

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**11. Discuss, consider and act on the hiring of Raul Hernandez & Company, P.C. to conduct the Brooks County annual audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.**

The above line item was in conjunction with line item 10.

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**12. Discuss, consider and act on the hiring of Raul Hernandez & Company, P.C. to conduct the Brooks County Sheriff Forfeiture Funds Audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.**

The above line item was in conjunction with line item 10.

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**13. Discuss, consider and act on Election Security Assessment Interlocal Contract Brooks County DIR-SS-ILC105 (DIR Department of Information Resources)**

Anna M. Garcia Elections Administrator addressed the Court on the above matter.


**Motion:** to approve the Election Security Assessment Interlocal Contract, **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.

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**14. Discuss, consider and act on salary increase for Brooks County Administration staff members who are paid from Fund #110 Abandoned seizure fund.**  
**(Submitted by Commander Esparza)**


Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that this item will be discussed in Executive Session, skipped on to the next agenda item.

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**15. Discuss, consider and act on line item transfer of \$201.59 from #012-5-0400-5000 Office Supplies to #012-5-0400-9070 Miscellaneous.** 

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **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.

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**16. Discuss, consider and act on the addition of a new window to be put in the Motor Vehicle Department. (Submitted by Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy TA** 

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

**Motion:** to approve the installation of a new window, **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.

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The Court went back to discuss line items #10, #11 and #12.

**Motion:** to table Line Items #10, #11, and #12, till the next meeting, **Action:** Table, **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.

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**17. Discuss, consider and act on written permission for entering property on State Roads and Farm to Market Roads to deliver dirt. TxDot does not want any dirt left on their right-of-way.** (Submitted by David Gue  11:14 AM

**Motion:** to table until the next meeting, **Action:** Table, **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.

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**19. Discuss, consider and act on a Resolution supporting Senate Bill # 228 to designating of a portion of Highway #281 as Corporal Roel Garcia Memorial Highway.** 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court. **Motion:** to approve the resolution, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2, **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.

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**20. Discuss, consider and act on a Resolution, Honoring Mrs. Maria Lemus Trevino on her 109<sup>th</sup> Birthday.** 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court. **Motion:** to approve resolution, **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.

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**14. Discuss, consider and act on salary increase for Brooks County Administration staff members who are paid from Fund #110 Abandoned seizure fund.**

**(Submitted by Commander Esparza)**

Sheriff Martinez addressed the Court on the above matter, in reference to 7 employees being funded by this fund and has been in place for 38 months and is asking for an increase.

At 11:35 AM the Court went into executive session to discuss the above matter. At 11:58 AM the court came back into open session, present same as before.

**Motion:** to approve salary increase, **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.

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**21. Adjourn.**


**Motion:** to adjourn 11:59 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **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).

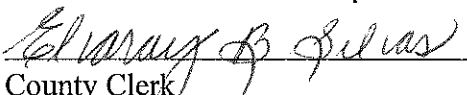
**Yes:** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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The preceding minutes beginning on page 243 and ending on page 248, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume 37, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 10th day of May, 2019, A.D.

**APPROVED:**

  
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County Judge

**ATTESTED:**

  
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County Clerk