


SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
January 21, 2020
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 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 10:05 AM 

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-was led by Judge Eric Ramos

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).

AGENDA

1. Public Comment 

There were no public comments at this time.


ACTION ITEMS

2. Discuss, consider and act on new list of Bills and Claims 

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

5. Discuss, consider and act on allowing BCFA the entire use of the fairgrounds for the County Fair (February 24-March 1, 2020) (Submitted by Arnold Mireles, BCFA President) 

Motion: to approve the usage of the fairgrounds by BCFA, **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. **Discuss, consider and act on lifting of beer ban for the BCFA Fair (February 24-March 1, 2020) (Submitted by Arnold Mireles, BCFA President)** 

Motion: to lift the beer ban, **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.

7. **Discuss, consider and act on a Proclamation for the Catholic Daughters**
(Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos) 

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

8. **Discuss, consider and act on retiring and removing item from Brooks County Sheriff's Office equipment list. Item to be retired and remove; Silver and black Smith and Wesson Model 5906 Serial # TZZ1759 9mm caliber semi-auto pistol.**
(Submitted by Jorge Esparza – Commander) 

Motion: to retire and remove item from sheriff's list, **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.

9. **Discuss, consider and act on allowing Retired Constable Ruben Longoria on purchasing a Silver and black Smith and Wesson Model 5906 Serial # TZZ1759 9mm caliber semi-auto pistol for the amount of (1) United States dollar from Brooks County Sheriff's Office.**
(Submitted by Jorge Esparza – Commander) 

Motion: to allow Mr. Longoria to purchase the pistol, **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.


10. Discuss, and consider options on relocating offices in the Blumer Building with the possibility of purchasing, leasing or building. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos) 

Judge Ramos addressed the Court in asking them on what their concerns were and what they want to do. Discussed the following:


- in sharing cost with the City and purchasing a building
- discussed old Chamber of Commerce building
- in going short term (30 days) with the building on W 285 and then purchasing it; maybe going 3-6 months
- discussed in using bond monies to purchase the building

11. Discuss, Consider and act on a Short Term Lease of a local building in order to relocate the offices of the Blumer Building. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos) 

To wait for Mr. Garcia since he is running late

12. Discuss, consider and act on appointing a Constable for Precinct 4. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos) 

To be discussed in executive session.

13. Discuss, consider and act on awarding bid for the Weigh Station Pit. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos) 

Motion: to award bid to NM Contracting LLC, **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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Court went into Executive session at 10:38 AM to discuss the appointment of a Constable for Precinct 4.

OPEN SESSION

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

The Court came back at 10:47 AM into open session, present same as before.

Went back to line item #12

Motion: to appoint Alberto Gonzalez effective immediately, **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.

4. Discuss, consider and act on the submission of the 2019 Tax Roll for the Brooks County pursuant to Section 26.09 (e) of the Texas Property Tax Code.

(Submitted by Terri Silvas Chief Deputy TAC) 

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

Motion: to accept the 2019 tax roll filed for record on October 21, 2019 in the County Clerk's office, **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.

3. Discuss, consider and act on the litigated refunds from leased heavy equipment/natural gas compressor packages on the Brooks County tax roll.

(Submitted by Terri Silvas Chief Deputy TAC) 


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

Mrs. Silvas presented to the Court the amounts of refunds due to ligation.

Motion: to accept report on the ligated refunds, **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.

 Went back to discuss line item #11

Motion: to table, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **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.

16. Adjourn


Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **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.

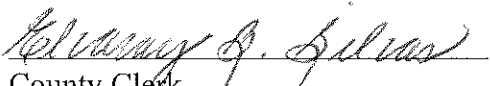
The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 11th day of February, 2020, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:



County Clerk