

REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT
February 11, 2020
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 1:35 PM

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).

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy County Clerk

Others Present: August Patroelj, County Auditor

AGENDA

1. Public Comments

There were no public comments said at this time.

2. Approve of Regular and Special Commissioners' Court minutes

Motion: to approve the minutes as presented by the County Clerk (08-07-2019; 01-14-2020; 01-17-2020; 01-21-2020; 01-28-2020; and 02-04-2020), **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.

3. Approve of Bills and Claims

Motion: to approve the bills and claims as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **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.

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)

August Patroelj, County Auditor addressed the Court on this monthly report for the month of January 2020 with a correction on months reported for deposits; Teresa A Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented her reports for the month of January 2020 for the Motor Vehicle Report, November 1, 2019 – January 6, 2020 for Monthly Ad Valorem Tax, January 7, 2020 – January 31, 2020 for Monthly Ad Valorem Tax;

Motion: to approve the monthly reports as presented, **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.

5. Agrilife Extension reports (reports for information only)

No action taken, information only.

6. Discuss, consider and act on allowing Nikolo Guerra permission to use the JM Alaniz Fairground fund for contracted labor to clean the Fairgrounds in preparing for the 2020 Brooks County Fair. (Submitted Nikolo Guerra Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Agent)

Nikolo Guerra, Ag Ex Agent addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to transfer funds from alaniz fairgrounds line item to contract labor in the amount of \$1,200.00, **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.

7. Discuss, consider and act on relocating pipe entrance that is South of Annex to Nava Street. (Submitted by Nikolo Guerra Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Agent)

Nikolo Guerra, Ag Ex Agent addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: permission to move entrance sign to Nava St., **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.

8. Discuss, consider and act on Budget Amendments to pay for mold restoration project.

Monies in the amount of \$30,468.35 from the County's ending fund balance will be transferred into account 012-5-0510-5204 (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

Motion: to approve budget amendment, **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.

9. Discuss, consider and act to spend money from unsigned Road & Bridge fund 13 which has \$685,329.51. This money to be used to purchase the asphalt zipper equipment that was

Demonstrated on July 30, 2019 for the repairs of road
(Submitted by BC Commissioner Ernesto "Pepe" Williams)

Motion: to table to get with the Bond Attorneys on how monies can be used, **Action:** Approve, **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.

10. Discuss, consider and act on approving the submittal of extraction equipment Grant from the USDA. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

Motion: to approve the submission of extraction equipment (jaws of life) with a county match of \$8, **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 the status of the GEO Contract.

Judge Ramos stated that he spoke with Mr. Black and that he would have an answer by the ending of February beginning of March, but everything looks good.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – at 2:05 PM the Court went into Executive Session.

12. Discuss Employment/Resignations/Retirements and other Personnel Issues.
13. Employee(s) to address court regarding keeping vacation days beyond one year.

OPEN SESSION – At 2:35 PM the Court came back into open session

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

Item was passed by the Court.

15. Discuss, consider and act on employees request on vacation days.

Judge Ramos stated that they only heard from one department.

Motion: to get with the County Treasurer's office in reference to getting a report on rollover vacation days from as far as 2018, **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.

16. Adjourn.

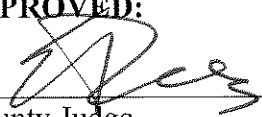
Motion: to adjourn at 2:36 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously.

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.

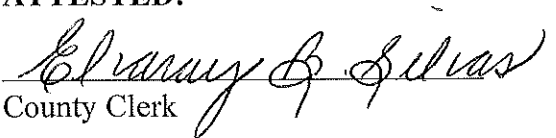
The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 10th day of March, 2020, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:



County Clerk