


REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT

March 10, 2020

1:30 P.M.

2nd FLOOR COURTROOM BROOKS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

OPEN MEETING- at 1:31 PM the Court opened the meeting and recessed at 1:31 PM to finish the Special Meeting being held. The Court came back into session at 1:41 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 County Clerk

Others Present: August Patroelj, County Auditor

AGENDA

1. Public Comments

August Patroelj, County Auditor addressed the Court in reference to the Blumer Building. Judge Ramos stated they have asked for different options; to destroy it and rebuild (\$3 million dollars); adding a wing to the annex 1 story or 2 story building on the north side, then destroy the Blumer Building at a cost of around \$85,000.

Oralia V Morales, JP Pct#2 in reference to the cutting of constables and didn't have any constables available for an eviction process and her and one of her own employees had to go out there and monitor the eviction

Commissioner Williams in reference GEO, Judge Ramos stated that would be addressed at the next meeting. No action taken, discussion only.

2. Approve of Regular and Special Commissioners' Court minutes

Motion: to approve the minutes as presented , **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.

3. Approve of 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.

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)

Alan Hernandez, County Treasurer addressed the Court on his monthly reports from August 2019 – February 2020. Mr. Hernandez also thanked the Court in being patience with his office; August Patroelj, County Auditor presented his report for the month of February 2020, a current debt report, and a budget report for account summary for all revenue accounts; Terri A Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector reported her monthly reports for the month of February 2020 (Motor Vehicle Report, Tax Report for 02-01-2020 – 02-13-2020 and 02-12-2020 – 02-29-2020

Motion: to approve the monthly reports 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. Agrilife Extension reports (reports for information only)

No action taken, information only.

6. Discuss, consider and act on review follow-up audit of rural trash routes previously discussed on September 10, 2019. (Submitted by BC Auditor August Patroelj)

Debra Garcia, Assistant Auditor and August Patroelj, County Auditor addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve the audit, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **None seconded.** 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 Brooks County Drug Court Resolution.

(Submitted by Adult Probation) 

Albert Ramirez, Supervisor addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve the resolution, **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.

8. Discuss, consider and act on transferring monies from the following line items; 

A. 012-5-0561-5000 Office Supplies in the amount of \$400.00 to line item 012-5-0561-5820 Maintenance/Operation Vehicles.

B. 012-5-0561-9070 Miscellaneous in the amount of \$500.00 to line item 012-5-0561-5820 Maintenance/Operation Vehicles.

C. 012-5-0561-5515 Radio Maintenance & Repairs in the amount of \$400.00 to line item 012-5-0561-5820 Maintenance/Operation Vehicles.

(Submitted by Jorge Esparza)

Motion: to approve line item transfer A, **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.

Motion: to approve line item transfer B, **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.

Motion: to approve line item transfer C, **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 on modifying Brooks County Handbook. 

(Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

- A. Section 1 B-13 Grievances
- B. Section 2 B-4

The Court discussed the above matter; Judge Ramos stated that on section 1 B-13 the last part of the wording to be omitted;

Motion: to omit the last portion of that section, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **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.

The court continued to discuss Section 2 B-4;

Motion: to keep the policy the same, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eric Ramos, County Judge, **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.

10. Discuss, consider and act on proposed Brooks County Noise Ordinance.

(Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos) 

Motion: to not accept the Noise Ordinance, **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 proposed Curfew hours for Brooks County. 

(Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

Honorable Judge Ramos, addressed the Court on the above matter, stating that the proposed curfew will allow County Deputies to enforce a curfew hour: on weekdays from 10 pm- 6 am and on weekends from 11pm -6am and during school hours 9am-3:30pm.

Motion: to accept the curfew, **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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -there was nothing for discussion, items passed by the Court.

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

OPEN SESSION- items passed by the Court

- 14. Discuss, consider and act on Employment/Resignations/Retirements.
- 15. Discuss, consider and act on employees request on vacation days.

16. Adjourn.

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 3:02 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **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.

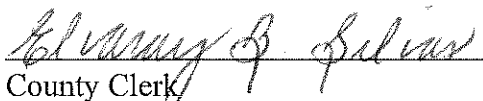
The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 12th day of May, 2020, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:



County Clerk