

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
March 20, 2020
2:30 P.M.
2nd FLOOR COURTROOM
BOOKS 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- Honorable Judge Eric Ramos opened the meeting at 2:35 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).

Absent: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3.

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy County Clerk

Others Present: August Patroelj, County Auditor

AGENDA

1. Public Comment 

No public comments were said at this time.


ACTION ITEMS

2. Discuss, consider and act on Approving 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** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2. Motion passed unanimously. (**On file**)


Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

Yes: 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 a 90 day Burn Ban for Brooks County. 

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


At 2:36 pm the court took a short recess, at 2:43 PM the court came back into open court.

4. **Discuss, consider and Approve Declaration of Local Disaster related to COVID-19 Global Health Crisis. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)** 

Motion: to approve declaration, **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 = 4). (**On file**)


Yes: 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 approving the Brooks County Leave Policy during the COVID-19 Crisis. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)** 

Motion: to approve the leave policy as presented, beginning March 16, 2020 until it is reverted back by the court, **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 = 4).

Yes: 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 the scope of work for the Weigh Station.**
(Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos) 

Mr. Soto addressed the Court on the above matter stating that he needs additional time to investigate a situation on the beams/peers and in doing a Geotechnical survey.

At 3:12 PM the court took a short recess, and at 3:14 PM the court came back into open session. Present same as before.

The Court continued to discuss line item #6, County Auditor asked the court to not take any action until an amount is presented.

Motion: to table and to approve payment of testing at a reasonable fee, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 3, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

No: Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Item was passed by the Court.

7. **Discuss Employment/Resignations/Retirements and other Personnel Issues.**

OPEN SESSION -Item was passed by the Court.

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

9. Adjourn 

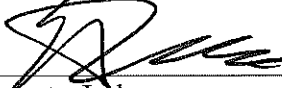
Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 3:54 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

Yes: 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 9th day of June, 2020, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:



County Clerk