

# REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT

April 14, 2020

1:30P.M.

## Teleconference through ZOOM BROOKS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this day, the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Brooks County, Texas met in a Regular Term through Teleconference through ZOOM.

**OPEN MEETING-** Judge Eric Ramos opened the meeting at 1:38 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

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### 1. Public comments

There were no public comments said at this time.

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### 2. Approve of Regular and Special Commissioners' Court Minutes

**Motion:** to pass the minutes, **Action:** Pass, **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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### 3. Approve of Bills and claims

**Motion:** to pay all the bills except the bill from the architect until further notice, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4.

**Vote:** Motion failed (**summary:** Yes = 2, No = 3, Abstain = 0).

**Yes:** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

**No:** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1.

**Motion:** to pay all the bills, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eric Ramos, County Judge, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3.

**Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 3, No = 2, Abstain = 0).

**Yes:** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1.

**No:** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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**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 stated that the report was not ready due to the closure of offices including himself; August Patroelj, County Auditor stated his monthly report for the month of March 2020; Terri A Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector addressed her monthly report for March 2020; went over the rest of the reports, Mr. Patroelj had a question on the monthly report for the landfill (amount stated per clarification was due to payment waiting to clear)

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

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**5. Agrilife Extension reports (reports for information only)**

For information only, no action taken.

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**6. Discuss, consider and act on 2020 Soil & Water Stewardship Week Proclamation**  
**(Submitted by Loma Blanca)**

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read the resolution in Open session, **Motion:** to approve proclamation, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. (**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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7. Discuss, consider and act on line item transfer of \$319.42 from 012-05-0510-5201 Bldg. Repairs-Annex & Other to 012-5-0510-8204 Works Compensation. Submitted by Maintenance Supervisor Beto Muniz)

**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.

8. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$1,000 from 013-5-0033-5550 Warehouse out of county travel to 013-5-0033-5515 Communication radio equipment. (Submitted By BC Foreman David Guerra)

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

9. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$23,500 from 012-5-0409-5406 Grant Matching; \$10,000 to 012-5-0990-7101 Transfer to Landfill; \$7,500 to 012-5-0560-8129 Overtime (Sheriff); and \$6,000 to 012-5-0571-9083 Supplement – Adult Probation. (Submitted by County Judge Ramos)

It was discussed to change line item number for grant matching to 5417, instead of 5406, **Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **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. Item was passed by the court

10. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$10,000 from 012-5-0990-7101 Transfer to Landfill to 101-8107 Part-time (Landfill). (Submitted By County Judge Ramos)

Item was passed by the Court.

11. Discuss, consider and act on the Proposed Brooks county Fee per detainee.

**Motion:** to approve the change of \$2.00 to \$3.50 and 69.21 to 79.95 for GEO fees, **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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**12. Discussion of current financial status due to loss of revenue.**

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos, August Patroelj, County Auditor and Terri A Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector addressed the above matter.

The Court discussed the following subjects:

- \* information given states that we are short in tax revenue but is incorrect, but just hearing from Mrs. Silvas we are ok on collections, that we are about 2 /10ths the same as last year
- \* also, something that is incorrect is that the budget is overspent, we have not overspent our proposed budget, the only thing overspent is in workers comp, and if needed we could make some adjustments
- \* went over the expenditures and revenues thru the next 6 months and the possibility of leaving the County short \$190,000.00 due to the closure of offices
- \* discussed having a meeting with elected officials to discuss if needed in cuts; discussed a meeting within 2 weeks being the 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss a follow up

There was no action taken, discussion only.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION-Items passed by the Court.**

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

**14. Employee(s) to address court regarding keeping vacation days beyond one year.**

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**OPEN SESSION- Items passed by the Court.**

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

**16. Discuss, consider and act on employees request on vacation days**

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**17. Adjourn**

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 2:51 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1.

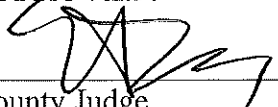
Motion passed unanimously.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

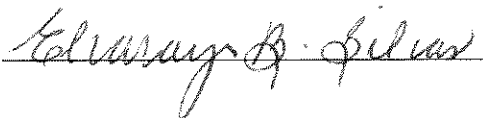
**Yes:** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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The preceding minutes beginning on page \_\_\_\_\_ and ending on page \_\_\_\_\_, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume \_\_\_\_\_, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, A.D.

**APPROVED:**

  
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County Judge

**ATTESTED:**

  
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County Assessor Collector

County Clerk