

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT

April 28, 2020

1:30 P.M.

Through teleconference with ZOOM

Meeting ID: 860 4578 0813
Password: 016141

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this day, the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Brooks County, Texas met in a Special Meeting through teleconference with ZOOM.

OPEN MEETING- Judge Eric Ramos opened the meeting at 1:31 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,
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

August Patroelj, County Auditor addressed the Court about Governor Phase 1 in reference to the stay at home order, curfew and mask order.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss, consider and act on Approving of Bills and Claims.

Motion: to approve the bills and claims as submitted, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4. Motion passed unanimously. **(On file)**

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

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

2. **Discuss, consider and act on approving an Interlocal Agreement between Brooks County and Starr County. Submitted by Sheriff Urbino (Benny) Martinez.**

Commander Jorge Esparza addressed the Court on the above matter.
Commissioner Olivarez joined the meeting at this time 1:37 PM

Motion: to approve interlocal agreement, **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 = 5).

Yes: 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.

3. **Discuss, consider and act on approving a Resolution for Grant number 3001906. Submitted by Sheriff Urbino (Benny) Martinez.**

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open court.

Motion: to approve resolution, **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.

4. **Discuss, consider and act on approving a Resolution for Grant number 3221005. Submitted by Sheriff Urbino (Benny) Martinez.**

Motion: to approve the resolution, **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.

5. **Discuss, consider and act on approving the Brooks County 2020 Annual Road Report. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)**

The Court took a short break at 1:44 PM, back in session at 1:45 pm

Kelly Odom GrantWorks addressed the Court on the above matter, informing the Court that TxDOT wants this information by May 2nd; David Guerra also addressed the Court about CR 110; Oralia Cardenas also addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve annual report, **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 = 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 the approval of a Prioritized list of Roads for the TxDOT 2020 County Transportation Infrastructure Fund (CTIF) grant program application.
(Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

Kelly Odom addressed the Court on the above matter; Oralia Cardenas, GrantWorks also addressed the Court; August Patroelj also addressed the Court in reference to the County bidding out for labor done.

Motion: to table till Fridays meeting, **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.

7. Discuss, consider and act on authorizing the submission of an application to the TxDot 2020 County Transportation Infrastructure Fund (CTIF) grant program.
(Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

Motion: to approve the submission of an application, **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.

8. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$200.00 from 012-5-0400-5550 Out of County Travel; to 012-5-0400-8204 Workers Compensation. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

Motion: to approve line item transfers for agenda items 8 and 9, **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 \$2,968.82 from 013-5-0033-5800 Repairs and Maint- Warehouse to 013-5-0033-8204 Workers Compensation.
(Submitted by BC foreman David Guerra)

In conjunction with line item #8.

10. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$15,000.00 from 012-5-0510-5201 Building Repairs- Annex & Other; to 012-5-0510-5830 AC Maintenance.

(Submitted by BC Maint Supervisor Beto Muniz)

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **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.

11. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$2,000.00 from 012-5-0665-5550 Out of County travel; to 012-5-0665-5135 Agent Supplies. (Submitted by Brooks County Extension Office)

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **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.

12. Discussion on strategies for possible Budget cuts. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

Judge Ramos stated that since the Governor is reopening the state in phases, the county will also be opening with precautionary measures; cut non-essential travel; cutting part time positions out of the general and landfill budgets; furlough program (one day a month or one day a week); or to look at full time position to cut; or to cut percentages for this year; Judge Ramos stated that we know we are going to be short but would have to look at the numbers; the cuts suggested would be for the months of June-September, but it was suggested that didn't know if that could be possible, County Auditor August Patroelj stated that he didn't think the cuts could be taken and then given back the next budget year.

13. Adjourn

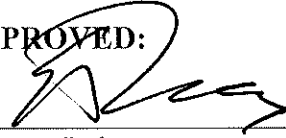
Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 2:41 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. Motion passed unanimously.

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.

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