

# SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT

May 19, 2020

1:30 P.M.

Through tele/video conference with Zoom

Meeting ID 860 4578 0813

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

**OPEN MEETING-** Judge Eric Ramos opened the meeting at 1:40 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

## AGENDA

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### 1. Public Comments

There were no public comments said at this time.

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### 2. Approve of Bills and Claims

Item was passed by the Court.

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### 3. 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)

The Court reviewed the monthly reports for March and April for the County Treasurer; reviewed the monthly report for the County Auditor for the month of April; Terri A Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented her reports for the month of April 2020, stating that we have collected 92% of tax collections; and also reviewed was the monthly report for JP #2.

The item was passed for Mrs. Terri A. Silvas to obtain a comparison of collection percentages from this year and last year.

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**4. Discuss, consider, and act on selecting an administration service provider to complete application and project implementation for the Texas Infrastructure Fund program through the Texas Department of Transportation.**

It was discussed that there was only one applicant, **Motion:** to award the administrative service provider to GrantWorks Inc, **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.

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**5. Discuss, consider and act on selecting a contractor for the Brooks County Detention Center Roof.**

Mr. Soto addressed the Court on the above matter, stating that they had received bids on April 30<sup>th</sup> from two bidders (ARGIO in the amount of \$248,497.00 and Rio Roofing \$443,000.00). Item was discussed to bring back to the Court to re-word the agenda line item and to speak with the contactors. **Motion:** to table to correct wording and to have contractors available, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2, **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.

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**6. Discuss, consider and act on modifying or rescinding the curfew for Brooks County citizens.**

**Motion:** to modify curfew hours to Sunday - Saturday 12AM-5AM but as soon as we get our next COVID case would go back to regular curfew hours, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

**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 died due to lack of a majority vote.

**Motion:** Friday and Saturday 12am-5am and Sunday - Thursday 10pm-5am, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **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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**7. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$10,000.00 from 012-5-0435-5484 (District) Court Appointed Attorney-Criminal; to 012-5-0430-5484 (County) Court Appointed Attorney-Criminal. (Re-submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos after consultation with TAC Attorney.)**

The Court addressed the above matter in open Court, Judge Richard Terrell also addressed the Court on the above matter.

**Motion:** to table and to look into fund 17, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 3, No = 2, Abstain = 0).

**Yes:** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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

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**8. Budget Workshop: Status Report and Discussion**

The Court discussed the above item in open court: Judge Ramos stated that the County Auditor was not present to explain his submission notes to the Court and would have to wait to discuss this item. Judge Ramos stated that the County will be receiving funds due to the COVID-19, the County was awarded \$115,280 and will be receiving \$23,056 upfront from the awarded money (this grant money is a use first, reimbursed later).

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Jesse Perez addressed the Court in wanting to speak about item #6 and expressed his concerns in reference to the curfew.

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The court went back to discuss line item 8, Discussion only, no action taken.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**- Item was passed by the Court

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

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

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**OPEN SESSION** - Item was passed by the Court

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

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

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The Court went back to discuss Line item #3.

Mrs. Silvas addressed the Court stating that in April 2019, we were at a 92.87% tax collections.

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

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**24. [13]Adjourn.**

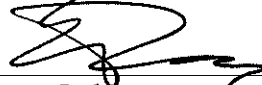
**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 3:09 pm, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4. Motion passed unanimously.

**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.

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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 Clerk