

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT

June 2, 2020

1:30 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- 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,
Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2,
Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3,
Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4.

Absent: Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk.

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy County Clerk

AGENDA

1. Public Comment

Jorge Esparza, Commander informed the Court about the fireworks display for the 4th of July, that it will be held on July 3rd.

Commissioner Gutierrez addressed the Court about the burn ban and wondered about the possibility of lifting it.

Commissioner Williams addressed the Court about the use of trashcans at the landfill.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Discuss, consider and act transferring the following monies from the account line items listed

- a. General fund Sheriff's Office - Jail transfer \$1,048.26 from line item 012-5-0512-5130 (prisoner board) to line item 012-5-0512-8205 (unemployment insurance)

- b. General Fund Sheriff's Office - Traffic transfer \$84.71 from line item 012-5-0561-5515 (maintenance/operation vehicles) to line item 012-5-0561-8205 (unemployment insurance)
- c. Sheriff's Seizure Fund (24) transfer \$128.00 from line item 024-5-0049-5820 (repairs & maintenance vehicles) to line item 024-5-0049-8205 (unemployment insurance)
- d. Sheriff's Abandoned Fund (110) transfer \$170.32 from line item 110-5-066-8106 (Asset forfeiture Adm) to line item 110-5-066-8205 (unemployment benefits)
(Submitted by Jorge Esparza)

Jorge Esparza, Commander addressed the Court on the above matter, stating that line items C and D do not need to be approved due to them being out of a special fund per speaking with the County Auditor.

Motion: to approve line item transfers A and B, **Action:** Approve, **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 = 4).

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


3. Discuss, consider and act on transferring 750.00 from line item 012-5-0560-5136 (uniforms) to line item 012-5-0560-9070 (miscellaneous) (Submitted by Jorge Esparza)



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 = 4).

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

4. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$2,000.00 from 012-5-0409-5400 Professional Fees- legal; to 012-5-0409-5600 Bidding and Notices. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos) 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **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 = 4).

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

5. Budget Workshop: Status Report and Discussion 

The Court discussed the following:

- Discussed a calendar in reference to budget workshops
- Discussed next year's primary tax values
- Discussed cuts from each department (a 25% decrease) – to do an amendment on June 9th; also a saving in positions not filled or cut to part time

- Receiving monies in reference to COVID-19
- Discussed revenue collections (GEO; traffic revenue; taxes)
- A possibility of a spending freeze to be approved

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Item was passed by the Court

6. Discuss Employment/Resignations/Retirements and other Personnel Issues.

OPEN SESSION-Item was passed by the Court

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

8. Adjourn


Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 2:28 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **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 = 4).

Yes: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, 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 8th day of September, 2020, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:



County Clerk