


**REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**June 9, 2020**

**1:30 P.M.**

**2nd FLOOR COURTROOM  
BROOKS COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this day, the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Brooks County, Texas met in Regular 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,  
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

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**AGENDA**

**1. Public Comments** 

District Judge Terrell addressed the Court in reference to developing a plan for COVID-19 in the reopening of the Courthouse.

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**2. Approve of Regular and Special Commissioners' Court minutes. 12/10/2019** 

Judge Ramos made reference to a clerical error on the line item that the minutes were not for 12/10/2019, but for what was emailed to the Commissioners.

**Motion:** to approve the minutes as presented by the County Clerk, **Action:** Approve, **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.

August Patroelj, County Auditor asked Judge Ramos for what dates were the minutes for. Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk stated that they were for 04-21-2020, 04-14-2020, 04-10-2020, 03-23-2020, 03-20-2020, 05-04-2020, 04-28-2020, 05-01-2020, 05-12-2020, 5-19-2020 and 05-26-2020.

**3. Approve of Bills and Claims**

Item was discussed and passed for review.

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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 presented to the Court his monthly report for the month of May 2020; Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented her monthly report for the month of May 2020;

**Motion:** to approve 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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The court went back to line item #3

**Motion:** to approve the bills and claims 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)**

No action needed, discussion only

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**6. Discuss, consider and act on renewing the Brooks County Airport liability insurance coverage with either an annual payment option or the 3-year payment option.**

**(Submitted by Alan Hernandez)** 

Alan Hernandez, County Treasurer addressed the Court on the above matter.

**Motion:** to go with the 3-year option for the airport liability insurance, **Action:** Approve, **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.

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**7. Discuss, consider and act on lifting Burn Ban for Brooks County.**

**(Submitted by Ruben Ramirez)** 

**Motion:** to lift burn ban, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2, **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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**8. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$254.47 from 012-5-0555-5105 Gas & Oil Expense; to 012-5-0555-5820 Repairs & Maint. Vehicles.**

**(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 = 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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**9. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$600.00 from 012-5-0400-5000 Office Supplies; \$1,300.00 from 012-5-0400-5550 Out Of County Travel; \$300.00 from 012-5-0400-9080 Registration fees; into Fund Balance.** 

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Adjourn, **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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**10. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$300.00 from 012-5-0401-5000 Office Supplies; \$400.00 from 012-5-0401-5552 Comm. #1 Out of County Travel; \$400.00 from 012-5-0401-5553 Comm. #2 Out of County Travel; \$450.00 from 012-5-041-5554 Comm. #3 Out of County Travel; \$900.00 from 012-5-0401-5555 Comm. #4 Out of County Travel; \$1,000.00 from 012-5-0401-9010 Dues; \$600.00 from 012-5-0401-9080 Registration; into Fund Balance.**




**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **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.

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**11. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$800.00 from 012-5-0403-5550 Out of County Travel; \$225.00 from 012-5-0403-9080 Registration fees; into Fund Balance.** 

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **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.

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**12. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$500.00 from 012-5-0435-5230 Computer-Supplies; \$5,000.00 from 012-5-0435-5481 Court Appointed Attys – Civil; \$10,000.00 from 012-5-0435-5484 Court Appointed Attys- Criminal; \$500.00 from 012-5-0435-5485 Contract Court Reporting Cost; \$1250.00 from 012-5-0435-5543 out of County Travel; \$1,000.00 from 012-5-0435-5550 Visiting Judge expense; \$500.00 from 012-5-0435-5810 Repairs, Maint. Office Equip; \$1500.00 from 012-5-0435-8117 Visiting Judge/Salary; \$1,500.00 from 012-5-0435-9051 Grand Jury; \$6,000.00 from 012-5-0435-9052 Petit Jury; \$750.00 from 012-5-0435-9053ADM. Judicial Region Fee; \$1,000.00 from 012-5-0435-9054 jurors Meal Expense & Other;\$600.00 from 012-5-0435-9070 Miscellaneous; \$500.00 from 012-5-0435-9080 Registration Fees; \$10,360.25 012-5-0435-9083 Supplement/Jim Wells; into Fund Balance.**



District Judge Richard C. Terrell addressed to the Court on his concerns on the above budget cuts.

**Motion:** to go ahead and transfer the rest, except the \$10,000 from Criminal Appointed Attorneys, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioners Precinct 1.

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Judge Ramos gives a clarification to Commissioner Garzas question on the \$10,000.00.

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Commissioner William states that he withdrew his motion.  
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**Motion:** to approve the transfer, **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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**13. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$500.00 from 012-5-0440-5000 Office Supplies; into Fund Balance.** 

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The Court took a short recess at 3:38 PM, the Court came back into session at 3:42 PM, present same as before.

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The Court continued to discuss line item #13  
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**26. Adjourn.**

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 3:46 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1.

**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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The following items were not discussed due to adjournment; items would need to be replaced on an agenda for discussion and approval.  
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14. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$1162.50 from 012-5-0450-5550 Out Of County Travel Expense; into Fund Balance.
15. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$100.00 from 012-5-0455-5000 Office Supplies; \$75.00 from 012-5-0455-9010 Membership dues; into Fund Balance.
16. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$1,000.00 from 012-5-0456-5000 Office Supplies; \$5,000.00 from 012-5-0456-8105 Secretary; into Fund Balance.
17. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$2,500.00 from 012-5-0457-8105 Secretary; into Fund Balance.
18. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$300.00 from 012-5-0458-5000 Office Supplies; into Fund Balance
19. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$600.00 from 012-5-0475-5550 Out of County Travel; \$1,000.00 from 012-5-0475-8107 Part-Time; into Fund Balance.
20. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$1,600.00 from 012-5-0497-5550 Out of County Travel; into fund Balance.
21. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$1,500.00 from 012-5-0550-5105 Gas & Oil; \$150.00 from 012-5-0550-5230 Supplies; \$300.00 from 012-5-0550-5515 Radio Maint & Repairs; \$200.00 from 012-5-0550-5550 Out of County Travel; \$150.00 from 012-5 0550-5820 Repairs & Maint, Vehicles; into Fund Balance.
22. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$1,500.00 from 012-5-0553-5105 Oil & Gas; \$150.00 from 012-5-0553-5230 Supplies; \$450.00 from 012-5-0553-5515 Radio Maint. & Repairs; \$150.00 from 012-5-0553-5550 Out Of County Travel Expense; \$150.00 from 012-5-0553-5550 Repairs & Maint. Vehicles; into Fund Balance.
23. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$250.00 from 012-5-0555-5136 Uniforms; \$250.00 from 012-5-0555-5515 Radio & Maint Repairs; \$2,000.00 from 012-5-0555-8101 Official Payroll; into Fund Balance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**OPEN SESSION**

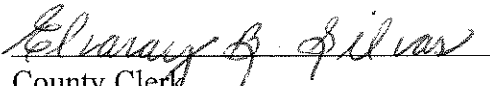
**25. Discuss, consider and act on Employment/Resignations/Retirements.**

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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 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020, A.D.

**APPROVED:**

  
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County Judge

**ATTESTED:**

  
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County Clerk