

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT

June 30, 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 Term through Teleconference through ZOOM.

OPEN MEETING- Judge Eric Ramos opened the meeting at 1:37 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

AGENDA

1. Public Comments

There were no public comments said at this time.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Discuss, consider and act on approving Bills and Claims

Motion: to approve the bills and claims as presented, **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, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

Commissioner Olivarez joined the meeting at 1:39 PM

4. Discuss, consider and act on proposed curfew for Brooks County.

Judge Ramos informed the Court with the official numbers for COVID-19 but that we have more than reported by DSHS.

Commissioner Garza suggested to do curfew all week from 11pm to 5 pm effective immediately.

Motion: to set a curfew all week from 11 PM to 5 PM effective immediately, **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.

Motion: to rescind the motion previously made, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eric Ramos, County Judge, **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.

Motion: to set a curfew all week from 11 PM to 5 AM effective Sunday July 5th (12:01 AM), **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.

5. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$5000.00 from 012-5-0409-9500 Technology; to 012-5-0409-9066 Civil Defense. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

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.

6. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$5,000 from 012-5-0410-8101 Misc/COLA to 012-5-0562-8129 Overtime-Dispatchers. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

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.

7. **Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$2,000 from 012-5-0410-8101 (Misc/COLA) to 012-5-0560-8129 Overtime-Sheriff. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)**

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.

8. **Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$250.00 from 012-5-0665-5000 Office Supplies; \$1,551.60 from 012-5-0665-5135 Agent Supplies; \$5,255.90 from 012-5-0665-5209 JM Alaniz Fairgrounds; \$750.00 from 012-5-0665-9080 Registration Fees; into Fund Balance (Submitted by Texas A&M Agrilife agent Katarina Rodriguez)**

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.

9. **Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$650.00 from 012-5-0510-5120 Janitorial Supplies, to 012-5-0510-5832 Pest Control. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)**

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.

10. **Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$1200.00 from 012-5-0409-5460 Grant Matching to 012-5-0409-5400 Risk Management Pool. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)**

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.

11. **Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$1,200.00 from 101-5-0053-9063 Trash Landfill fee to 101-5-0053-5420 Prof. Fees Engineering. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)**

Ruby Allen addressed the court on the above matter.

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.

12. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$1,100.00 from 101-5-0053-9063 Trash Landfill fees; to 101-5-0053-5820 Equip & Vehicle Repairs. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

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.

13. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$100.00 from 012-5-0409-5460 Grant Matching; to 012-5-0409-5600 Bidding & Notices. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **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.

14. Discussion of Brooks County Annual Audit ending September 30,2019

The Court discussed the above item in open Court:

- Judge expressed his concern that its normally done by March and approved by July and that if not done by a specific time the County would be in trouble; in speaking with Mr. Hernandez he stated that no the only problem would be with the bank who lent the county money; a big issue would be that the accounts were put together.

15. Budget Workshop

The Court discussed the following increases and decreases to the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget:

- Email on Geo increase which will begin in July to \$3.50 per inmate
- Getting another \$20,000 due to unemployment
- Suggested having a meeting on July 9th due to election day being on our Regular meeting date

EXECUTIVE SESSION – at 2:52 PM the Court went into Executive Session

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

OPEN SESSION- the Court came back into session at 3:13 PM present same as before

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

No action taken, on the above matter.

18. Adjourn


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.

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 0th day of September, 2020, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:



County Clerk