

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT

July 13, 2020

10:45 A.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 10:48 AM

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

1. Public Comments

There were no public comments said at this time.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Information item: Ed Rachal Public Library receives Accreditation status.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court about the above matter, stating that with all the hard work done by Mrs. Regalado and Mrs. Munoz they have received notice of accreditation and met all the standards. Commissioner Williams congratulates Mrs. Angie Regalado and her staff on the completion.

3. Presentation by Walker and Associates on 2019-2020 Insurance data and preliminary 2020-21 Insurance information. (Sumbitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

Laura Gwaltney, Walker and Associates addressed the Court on the above matter on total cost spent up to May 31st, and a renewal for this upcoming year. Commissioner Williams had a question about an employee visiting a hospital in the Valley and wondering about the coverage. Mrs. Laura Gwaltney stated that they would just need to contact Entrust about being added to the network. Linda Walker, Walker and Associates also addressed the Court about the in network and

out of network and that a RAP program can be added at a \$5.15 so that county employees can visit valley hospitals. Mrs. Gwaltney referred to having another meeting for new employees about the situation in hand. Judge Ramos stated that the County should look into adding the valley into our insurance and the additional premium (\$5.15) would be added to the premium cost per employee. Mrs. Gwaltney discussed that the County will be getting a reimbursement of about \$25,000.00. Presentation only, no action made.

4. Status report on weigh station and Brooks County Jail projects by LWA Architects (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

Judge Ramos addressed the Court on the above matter. Mr. Soto could not be heard, Judge Ramos asked for Mr. Soto to call the office phone. Item passed for the moment.

7. Discuss, consider and act on the following transfers: (Submitted by Commander J.V. Rivera)

- a. Transfer \$3707.64 from line item 012-5-0561-8108 (Traffic Safety Officer) to line item 012-5-0560-8104 (Deputies)
- b. Transfer \$500.00 from line item 012-5-0561-8108 (Traffic Safety Officer) to line item 012-5-0560-8133 (Commanders)
- c. Transfer \$1563.19 from line item 012-5-0561-8108 (Traffic Safety Officer) to line item 012-5-0560-8134 (CID)

Commander J.V. Rivera addressed the court on the above matter in reference to the transfer. Commissioners Gutierrez and Williams addressed their concerns in reference to the money being distributed amongst the deputies.

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Adjourn, **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.

The Court went back to address line item #5

The Court and Mr. Soto discussed the Sheriff's Department roof and that the project will commence September 8th.

5. Report on local Small Businesses Aid Program through the CARES Act Funding by Lone Star Strategy Group, LLC. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

Mrs. Marissa Uteley-Trevino Lone Star Strategy Group, LLC addressed the Court with a short update on the program. Commissioner Williams expressed his concern about the possibility of reimbursing County employees who got tested, paying out of pocket. Discussion only, no action made.

8. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$267.81 from 012-5-0499-5550 Out-of-County travel expense to 012-5-0499-8104. (Submitted by T. Silvas)

Motion: to table for further explanation, **Action:** Table, **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.

9. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$1,706 from 012-655-0409-5500 telephone to 012-5-0409-9081 Worker's Comp Deficit.

(Judge Ramos read the correction on amount being \$1,760.00 instead of \$1,706.00)

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **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: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

10. Discuss, consider and act on the following: (Submitted by Commander J. Esparza)

- a. transfer \$1,000 from line item 12-5-0560-5515 (Radio maintenance) to line item 012-5-0560-9070 (miscellaneous)
- b. transfer \$3,000. from line item 012-5-0560-5515 (Radio maintenance) to line item 012-5-0560-5820 (repairs & main. Vehicles).

Sheriff Martinez addressed the court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve line item transfer **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 = 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. Budget Workshop

The Court addressed the Court on the above matter

- Judge Ramos stated that this would be discussed more in detail next week; discussing Taxes and that the collection of Traffic Control has increased.
- Out of the \$210,000.00; being \$50,000.00 of it will be given to the Sheriff's Office to be used for COVID-19, monies will be covered under the CARES Act and would be reimbursed back to the General Fund

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Item was passed by the Court.

16.[12] Discuss Employment/Resignations/Retirements and other Personnel Issues.

OPEN SESSION– Item was passed by the Court.

17. [13] Discuss, consider and act on Employment/Resignations/Retirements.

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

Passed by the Court since there were not any bills and claims for approval.

18. [14] Adjourn


Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Eric Ramos, County Judge, 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.

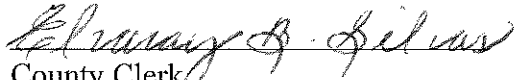
The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 8th day of September, 2020, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:



County Clerk