

REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT

July 24, 2020

1:00 P.M.

Through teleconference 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 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 1:04 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

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that he would only like to discuss only two items in today's meeting and recess till Monday. Due to the preparation of the hurricane.

AGENDA

5. Status on weigh station by LWA Architects. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

Mr. Irish LWA Architect addressed the Court on the above matter.

Mr. Irish gave the Court status on the weigh station. Mr. Irish stated that a GEO Assessment has been done; and that the pit will be removed and a new one will be made at \$105,000.00 with an additional \$15-20,000.00 will be needed depending if piers are wanted.

Sheriff Martinez also addressed the Court stating that the gross weight limit being 80,000. Mr. Irish stated that the weight limit is 32,000 lbs. per axle.

Mr. Soto Architect addressed the Court with the following dates of August 1st and August 8th to advertise for bids, and August 27th will be to open bids for the pit.

Discussion only, no action taken.

6. Discuss, consider, and act on Brooks County supplemental emergency order related to the Covid- 19 public health emergency and the reopening of schools for face-to-face instruction. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

Judge Ramos addressed the Court in reference to the Order; in reference to returning to a face to face school instruction on September 27th and discussed the order. (No UIL activities until after the 27th; the Teachers will not be able to return until August 3rd)

Motion: to approve Supplemental Order, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2. 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.

Motion: to recess till Monday, July 27th at 10:00 AM, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1.

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.

At this time 1:41 PM the meeting was recessed, till Monday July 27th at 10:00 AM

The Court reconvened on Monday July 27, 2020

OPEN MEETING- Judge Eric Ramos opened the meeting at 10:08 AM

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.

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy County Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- was led by Judge Eric Ramos

Judge Ramos asked the court for a short recess due to a meeting about Hurricane Hannah.

Motion: to approve recess till 10:20 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.

The Court back into open Court at 10:25 AM; Present same as before

1. Public Comments

There were no public comments said at this time.

2. Approve of Regular and Special Commissioners' Court minutes.

Item passed by the Court.

3. Approve of Bills and Claims

Motion: to approve bills and claims as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2. 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.

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 addressed the Court with his monthly report; no report from the Auditor; Terri A. Silvas presented her report for the month of June 2020 (motor vehicle reports)

Motion: to approve the 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.

Went back to discuss line item #5

Honorable Judge Ramos stated that he could not change the line item for a vote but asked for the Commissioners' opinion; All the Commissioners' were in agreement to go with option 2 with the additional piers for safety precautions. No action taken, discussion only.

7. Agrilife Extension reports (reports for information only)

Information only, no action taken.

8. Discuss, and consider on planting a tree at JM Alaniz Fairgrounds in memory of Soila Cavazos. (Submitted by Nikolo Guerra)

Motion: to approve of the tree and look for fundings, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 4, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

No: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3.

9. Discuss, consider and act on the renewal of the following:

1. Equivant 5 year Software Maintenance Agreement
2. Hosting Services Agreement

Motion: to approve the 5-year Agreement and the Hosting Agreement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. 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.

10. Discuss, consider and act on payment to Exxon Mobil for fuel in the amount of \$28.15. (Submitted By Sheriff's Office)

Motion: to approve payment to Exxon Mobil, **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 opening bids for the Pest Control & Termite Contract 1 Year Contract: 7/24/2020-7/24/2021

Judge Ramos opened bids for the pest control bid (1) South Texas Pest Control in the amount of \$750.00 quarterly and a (2) bid from BugPro in the amount of \$900.00 quarterly or monthly services of \$300.00

Motion: to award bid to South Texas Pest Control, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. 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.

12. Discuss, consider and act on opening bids for the Fuel & Lubricant Contract.

1 Year Contract 7/24/2020-7/24/2021

Judge Ramos opened the only bid from Oil Patch Petroleum, **Motion:** to award bid to Oil Patch Petroleum, **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 = 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 approving a Resolution for the Fiscal Year 2021 Alien Death and Missing Person Assistance Grant. (Submitted by BC Sheriff's Department)

Motion: to approve resolution, **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.

(Judge Ramos read resolution in open Court)

14. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$474.00 from line item 012-5-0650-5003 Magazines; \$126.00 from line item 033-5-0040-9082 Summer Reading Program; to 081-5-0060-5255 Computer Expense- Equipment. (Submitted by Angie Regalado)

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.

Judge Ramos asked for a recess.

Motion: to recess for a short while, **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.

The Court came back to session at 11:07 AM. Present same as before.

15. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$700.00 from 012-5-0665-5550 Out of County Travel to 012-5-0665-5135 Agent Supplies. (Submitted by Agrilife Agents)

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.

16. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$25.00 from 012-5-0512-5137 Jail Linens; to 012-5-0512-5135 Supplies- Other.

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

17. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$50.00 from 012-5-0562-5000 Supplies, to 012-5-0562-5135 Supplies- Other.

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.

18. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$100.00 from 012-5-0409-5550 Coastal Bend COG Travel Exp.; to 012-5-0409-5600 Bidding and Notices.

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.

19. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$200.00 from 012-5-05550-5105 Gas & Oil Expense; to 012-5-0554-5515 Radio Maintenance Repairs.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos made a correction to the line item that 012-5-05550-5105 should be 012-5-0550-5105.

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: 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.

20. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$200.00 from 012-5-0550-5550 Out of County Travel Expense; to 012-5-0555-5515 Radio Maintenance Repairs.

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.

21. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$600.00 from 012-5-0409-5500 Telephone; to 012-5-0409-5400 Professional fees-Legal.

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.

22. Budget Workshop

Item was skipped until after the executive session

EXECUTIVE SESSION-The Court went into executive session at 11:16 AM

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

OPEN SESSION -The Court came back into open session at 11:35 AM, present same as before

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

No action taken, just the discussion in executive session

The Court went back to discuss line item #22

- Discussed 2020 certified values going up from the preliminary numbers presented from April; new termination in wordings and that only one meeting is needed to adopt taxes

- August Patroelj addressed the Court in reference to supplements that the Court gets lowers our values; Terri A Silvas, tax exemptions (residential) and oil and gas; a supplement is an adjustment made to the taxes; loss of tax revenue due to the preliminary numbers the general fund was short \$507,000;
- Next budget meeting set for this Friday July 31st, August 11th and meet each week after that; present actual rates on August 11th; discussed looking at revenues first before expenditures (having a meeting with Terri, Alan and August tomorrow);
- GEO rate increase approved by them and the Marshalls would be effective July 1st;

Addendum

1. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$30.00 from 101-5-0053-8107 Part-Time, to 101-5-0053-8129

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: 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.

25. Adjourn.

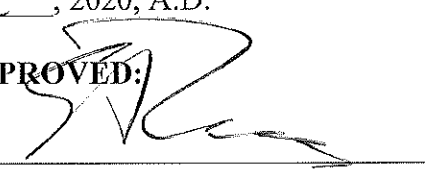
Motion: to adjourn at 11:58 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2. Motion passed unanimously.

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.

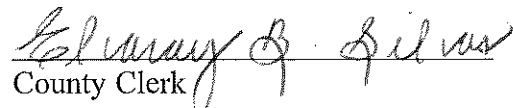
The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 8th day of September, 2020, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:



County Clerk