

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT

July 31, 2020

1:30 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 a Special Term through Teleconference through ZOOM.

OPEN MEETING- Judge Eric Ramos opened the meeting at 1:33 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).

AGENDA

1. Public Comments

August Patroelj, County Auditor addressed the Court on wanting to know who was in the task force (COVID-19).

Commissioner Garza informed the Court that there is a meeting with the South Texas County Judge and Commissioners Court will be virtual

ACTION ITEMS

2. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$8,000.00 from 012-5-0450-8104 Deputies; to 012-5-0450-8107 Part-Time (Submitted by District Clerk Lesvia Gonzales)

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.

3. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$6,000.00 from 012-5-0510-5201 BLDG, Repairs-Annex & other; to 012-5-0510-5830 A/C System-Maintenance. (Submitted by BC Maint. Supervisor Beto Muniz)

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.

4. Discussed consider and act on selecting an option for the side walls of the weigh station pit.

Motion: to approve option 2 which includes the 12 piers, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Eric Ramos, County Judge. 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. Budget Workshop

The Court discussed increases and decreases on the following:

- Discussed the 2020-2021 expected revenues for the upcoming budget year
 - Discussed budget line item #4005
 - Discussed the tax rate currently being .626000 for the General Fund and that would be possibly going up 7 cents to reach the same as last year
 - Discussed the delinquent taxes
- That there was a decrease in the collection of JP Fines
 - Decrease in Code Enforcement tickets (there was a period where they were shorthand, COVID related, and less traffic)
 - Projected Weight Station pit being fixed and should be fixed next year; just not as active, but are still collecting some revenue
- Short fall in revenue \$281,297.61 using the formula the County Auditor has used in the past; and will be using this numbers going forward to estimate the tax rate
- Reviewed the increases and decreases to each department
 - with a 10% cut across the board or a 15% (cuts not including personnel)
 - removing the COLA would save us \$142,000.00 (the 10% and the complete cut of the COLA would be \$270,356.00 short about \$11,0000.00)
 - possibility of removing part-timers; discussed going with the 15% saving us \$334,238.00
- Judge Ramos expressed his concern about adopting the tax rate giving us \$337,000.00(69 cents) maybe going down to 67 or 66
- August Patroelj, County Auditor stated that a penny generates \$50 or 60,000; discussed the Road and Bridge being healthy maybe in taking some pennies from them and putting them in the General Fund

- Lowering the contribution for retirement

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Item passed by the court

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

OPEN SESSION- Item passed by the court

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

8. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 PM, **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.

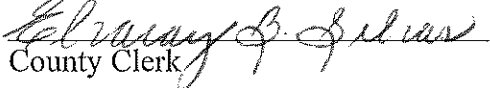
The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 8th day of September 2020, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:


County Clerk