

REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT

August 11, 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 Regular 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,
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

Commissioner Williams addressed the Court in reference to training

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

Item was passed by the Court, there were no minutes available for approval.

3. Approve of Bills and Claims

Commissioners Williams expressed his concerns in reference to a bill from June.

Commissioner Olivarez joins the meeting at 1:37 PM

16. Discuss, consider and act on providing \$15,000.00 to Brooks County Independent School District from the CARES Act for technology purposes. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court in reference to the above matter, stating that in giving the school district \$15,000.00 the state will award them 3 times of what was given

to them. Giving the School District the \$15,000.00 from the CARES Act will be reimbursable to the County and they would receive 45,000.00 and will be able to purchase \$60,000.00 worth of technology. Dr. Maria Rodriguez Casas also addressed the Court in thanking the Court for their contribution. Marisa Utley-Trevino also addressed the Court in reference to the usage of the monies.

Motion: to approve contribution, **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.

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)

Auditors Report was reviewed and discussed; Terri A Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor presented her report for Month of July.

Motion: to approve the reports as presented, **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.

5. Agrilife Extension reports (reports for information only)

Report for informational purposes only.

6. Discuss, consider and act on requesting to designate the hanger located at the Brooks County Airport as the 4-H Brooks County Resource Center and the use as storage for 4-H equipment. (Submitted by Agrilife Extension Agents)

Motion: to table, **Action:** Table, **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.

7. Discuss, consider and act to reopen 4-H Shooting Range located at the Brooks County Airport. (Submitted by Agrilife Extension Agents)

Motion: to table, **Action:** Table, **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.

8. Discussion update of the County Clerk's and District Clerk's Office on mold situation.
(Submitted by Commissioner Ernesto P. Williams)

The Court discussed the above matter, Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that the hold up was with the Historical Commission and is just waiting for their approval and needing to get back on schedule with them due to the COVID. Monies for the cleanup have been approved to be used from the bond monies and then reimburse with the insurance money.

9. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$8,930.00 from 012-5-0457-8105 Secretary; to 012-5-0457-8107 Part-Time. (Submitted by JP 3 Nora Salinas)

Motion: to approve the 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.

10. Discuss, consider and act on Resolution authorizing County Grant Program Year 2021 Texans feeding Texans. (Submitted by Community Action Corporation)

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read the resolution in open Court.

Motion: to approve the resolution, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2, **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.

11. Discuss, consider and act on Consideration and approval of offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 11-05-01913-Tx: Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County and City of Falfurrias vs Noe Garza Acct. No. 02900000701300; East 25.00 feet off of lots 13 and 14, block 7, Addition No.1, Original Town site to the City of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas, as described in Volume 119, Page 1, Deed Records of Brooks County, Texas.

Motion: to approve offer to purchase tax sale property in the amount of \$600.00 from Monica Salinas, **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.

12. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$1000.00 from line item 012-5-0560-5135 other Supplies; to 012-5-0560-5820 repairs and maintenance – vehicle
(Submitted by Commander Jorge Esparza)

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.

13. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$1000.00 from line item 012-5-0560-5550 out of county travel; to line item 012-5-0560-5820 repairs and maintenance- vehicle.
(Submitted by Commander Jorge Esparza)

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.

14. Discuss, consider and act on the Small Business Grant Application and Scoring Criteria for TDEM Supplemental Grant money prepared by Lone Star Strategy Group Llc. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

Marissa Utley-Trevino addressed the Court in reference to the above matter.

Motion: to approve the scoring sheet with an addition to #11 and application with a deadline of September 4th, **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.

15. Discuss, consider and act on appointment of an individual to serve on the Small Business Grant Application for TDEM Supplemental Grant Scoring Criteria Committee.
(Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

Marissa Utley-Trevino addressed the Court in reference to the above matter and deciding who to sit on the committee. Mrs. Utley-Trevino suggested that herself and Pete Trevino would sit on the committee and would need another member of the Court/County to be a part of the

committee. Judge Ramos nominated Alan Hernandez, County Treasurer to sit on the committee. Commissioner Williams nominated George Martinez, Mrs. Trevino-Utley suggested not someone who works for a business or related to someone who would be applying;

Motion: to appoint Alan Hernandez, **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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Item was passed by the Court.

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

OPEN SESSION -Item was passed by the Court.

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

19. Adjourn

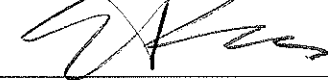
Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 3:04 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously.

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