

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT

August 14, 2020

2:00 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 2:01 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).

Absent: Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4.

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 selecting the 2020-21 Brooks County Employees' Insurance Rates and Plans. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

Ruby Allen, Landfill Manager addressed the Court.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos went over the plan that Walker and Associates is recommending and a plan that will be possibly be including the valley. Judge Ramos stated that the Sheriff is trying to get a supplemental insurance for first responders that will cover COVID-19 and additional insurance. Judge Ramos reviewed the numbers in the plans presented.

Motion: to table to review the numbers, **Action:** Table, **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 = 4).

Yes: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

3. Discuss, consider and act on approving the certification of 2019 excess debt collections and the 2020 anticipated collection rate.(Submitted by Terri Silvas Chief Deputy TAC) Terri A. Silvas addressed the Court stating that we cannot act on line items 3-5; Judge Ramos stated that yes that just wanted to go over the documents and numbers

Motion: to table line items 3-5, **Action:** Table, **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.

4. Discuss, consider and act on accepting certified total appraised, assessed and taxable values of all property and total taxable of new property and total taxable of new property in Brooks County as certified by the Brooks County Appraisal District, the Governing Body Summary #1A and #2A, and the 2020 Planning calendar. (Submitted by Terri Silvas Chief Deputy TAC)

Item was in conjunction with line item #3.

5. Discuss, consider and act on tax rate; if proposed tax will exceed the rollback rate or the effective tax rate (whichever is lower), take record, vote and schedule public hearings. (Submitted by Terri Silvas Chief Deputy TAC)

Item was in conjunction with line item #3.

6. Discuss, consider and act on approving Ogan Networking Solutions contract for 2020 and 2021. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

Adam Ogan stated that everything is the same the only thing that has changed is the way they operate due to COVID-19;

Motion: to approve the contract, **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 = 4).

Yes: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

7. Discuss, consider and act on a new Sheriff's Office fiber optic connection to VTX to eliminate the Bloomer Building wireless connection. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

Adam Ogan and Jorge Esparza, Commander addressed the Court on the above matter.

Commissioner Williams joined the meeting at this time 2:37 PM.

Adam Ogan informed the Court that in installing fiber optic wiring will be an increase from \$151.00 – 264.00 on the monthly bill.

Motion: to approve installing of new fiber optic wiring, **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.

8. 2020-21 Budget Workshop.

The Court discussed the following:

- Discussed the decrease in revenues (making us short \$281, 827) and expenses; with the 10% cut and other cuts totals \$283,026 making us even
- The only accounts needed to work on are the Landfill, Discussion only, no action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- The Court went into executive session at 3:11 PM

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

OPEN SESSION- The Court came back into open session at 3:22 PM, present same as before.

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

No action taken. Item passed.

11. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 3:22 PM, **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:

Ermano B. Silva
County Clerk