

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT

August 18, 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 a Special Term through Teleconference through ZOOM.

OPEN MEETING- Judge Eric Ramos opened the meeting at 1:40 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. (Absent)

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy County Clerk

AGENDA

1. Public Comments

Commissioner William addressed the Court in reference to an email sent to him by the Judge in reference to DSHS and Tobacco Tax lawsuit

Alan Hernandez addressed the Court in reference to Commissioners Williams response about the Tobacco Tax Lawsuit numbers

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)

Laura Gwaltney, Walker and Associates addressed the Court on the above matter. Katy Salinas, HR/Payroll also addressed the Court.

The Court discussed rates and plans for insurance renewal, it was discussed that the latest for renewal will be the first week of September (September 1) so that changes could be made.

Motion: to table, for changes on rates, **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.

6. 2020-21 Budget Workshop.

The Court discussed the following increases and decreases to the budget:

- 10% cut to each department totaling \$382,198.00 (see Attached)

Motion: to recess till tomorrow at 1:30 PM, to go over the numbers for the proposed budget, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **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.

The Court resumed pursuant to recess on Wednesday August 19, 2020

OPEN MEETING- Judge Eric Ramos opened the meeting at 1:40 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

Judge Ramos stated that he is not ready to adopt a proposed budget, that he is having difficulties with the numbers. Judge Ramos sends his wishes to the County Auditor.

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)

Motion: to table line items 3-5 and 7, **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.

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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)

This line item was in conjunction with line item #3

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5. Discuss, consider and act on tax rate; if proposed tax will exceed the voter approval rate or the no new revenue tax rate (whichever is lower), take record, vote and schedule public hearings. (Submitted by Terri Silvas Chief Deputy TAC)

This line item was in conjunction with line item #3

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7. Discuss, consider and act on selecting the 2020-21 Brooks County Proposed Budget

This line item was in conjunction with line item #3

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Item was passed by the Court

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

OPEN SESSION - Item was passed by the Court

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

10. Adjourn


Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 1:44 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **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 = 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.

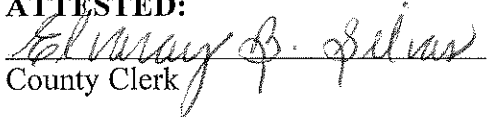
The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 9th day of September, 2020, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:


County Clerk