

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT

August 24, 2020

10:30 A.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 1:40 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.

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 reducing the County's Contribution to the Texas Counties & District's Retirement System for each employee from 2.00 to 1.50.

(Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

Motion: to reduce the County contribution to 1.50, **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.

3. 2020-21 Budget Workshop.

Judge Ramos apologized to the Court for just emailing the updated budget to the Commissioners and stated that he is ok if they would like to review it before anything is done.

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

- Discussed different tax rates
- Adding monies for official bonds
- Sheriff Budget; miscellaneous/ debt(vehicles) line item #560
- In taking 2.5 cents from Farm to Market and Road and Bridge and putting it to the General Fund
- Fund 63- pipeline fund (already taken care of and positions moved to general fund)

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

Motion: to approve the 2020-21 Proposed Budget, **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.

5. Discuss, consider and act on Texas Department of Transportation Airport Project Participation Agreement. (Submitted by August Patroelj BC Auditor)

Motion: to approve agreement, **Action:** Approve, **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.

6. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$1250.00 from 012-5-0510-5206 Elevator Maintenance Expense; to 012-5-0560-8129 Overtime. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

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.

7. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$1200.00 from 012-5-0510-5508 Blumer & Hospital Annex Imp.; to 012-5-0512-8129 Over-Time (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

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.

8. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$1200 from 012-5-0630-8129 Over-Time to 012-5-0630-8107 Part-Time. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

The Court discussed the above matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION—the Court went into Executive Session at 10:58 AM to discuss personnel per Commissioner Williams request.

OPEN SESSION- The Court came back into open Session at 11:06. Present same as before. Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that the discussion that happened in Executive Session should not have gone to a closed session and should have been discussed in open session. Judge Ramos discussed what was discussed in closed session. Judge Ramos stated the questions asked, as to: Who was the person going to be under? Who is the person being hired?

The Court went back to discuss line item #8

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.

9. 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, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector read the certifications in open court.

Motion: to approve the certification of the 2019 excess debt collection and the 2020 anticipated collection rate, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **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 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)

Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector addressed the Court on the above matter. Mrs. Silvas stated the certified numbers, went over the Summary #1A and #2A and the 2020 Planning calendar.

Motion: 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, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. **(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 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)

Motion: to approve a total tax rate of .949839, and a public hearing to be held on September 2nd at 10:30 AM, **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.

12. Discuss, consider and act on Deferring Payroll Tax Obligations in Light of the Ongoing COVID-19 Disaster. (Submitted by Alan Hernandez BC Treasurer)

Motion: to table for further information, **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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Item was passed by the Court.

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

OPEN SESSION- Item was passed by the Court.

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

15. Adjourn


Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 12:12 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.

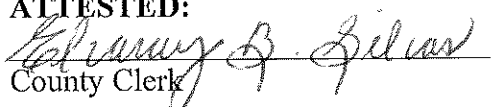
The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 8th day of September, 2020, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:



County Clerk