

# REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT

December 10, 2020

10:00 A.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 10:06 AM

**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,

**Staff Present:** Missy A Saavedra, Deputy County Clerk

**Absent:** Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk (Not voting).

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## AGENDA

### 1. Public Comments

Evan Acevedo addressed the Court about his company offering trash pick-up for the County.

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

**Motion:** to approve the minutes as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **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.

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### 3. Approve of Bills and Claims

**Motion:** to approve the bills and claims as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2. 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.

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**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)

No report for the Treasurer; no report for the Auditor; Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented her reports for the Month of November;

**Motion:** to approve the reports as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4.  
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.

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**5. Agrilife Extension reports (reports for information only)**

For information purposes only.

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**6 Discuss, consider and act TDEM/CRF small business and nonprofit proposed Phase II Grant application award.**

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court, stating that at first the City was not going to participate but will be after all, so there were additional funds available.

**Motion:** to approve the proposed Phase II Grant application award list, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4. 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.

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**7. Discuss, consider and act on a contribution to Halo Flight for the 2021 Fiscal Year.**

**Motion:** to approve contribution of \$2,500.00, **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.

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**8. Discuss, consider, and act on a Burn Ban in effect for Brooks County.**  
**(Submitted by Ruben Ramirez)**

Ruben Ramirez, Fire Chief addressed the Court on the above matter, recommending a burn ban be in place.

**Motion:** to approve of a burn ban, **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 = 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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**9. Discuss, consider and act on approving the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Brooks County Sheriff's Office and the Kleberg County Attorney's Specialized Crimes And Narcotics Task Force.** **(Submitted by Commander Jorge Esparza)**

Commander Jorge Esparza addressed the Court on the above matter. Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read Interlocal Cooperation Agreement in open Court.

**Motion:** to approve the interlocal agreement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2. 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.

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**10. Discuss, consider and act on transferring the following:**

A. transfer \$3,707.64 from line item 012-5-0561-8108 (Traffic Safety Officer) to line item 012-5-0560-8104 (Deputies)

B. transfer \$500.00 from line item 012-5-0561-8108 (Traffic Safety Officer) to line item 012-5-0560-8133 (Commanders)

C. transfer \$1, 63.19 from line item 012-5-0561-8108 (Traffic Safety Officer) to line item 012-5-0561-8134 (CID). (Submitted by Commander Jorge Esparza)

**Motion:** to table for the correction of line item numbers, **Action:** Table, **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.

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**11. Discuss, Consider and act on transferring \$500.00 from line item 012-5-0456-8105 Office Supplies; to Part-time line item 012-5-0456-8107.** Submitted by JP #2 Oralia Morales

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **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.

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**12. Discuss, consider and act on Coastal Bend Council of Governments Emergency Notification System 9-1-1 database use Interlocal Agreement for Brooks County.**  
**(Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)**

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read Interlocal Agreement in open Court. Ruben Ramirez, Fire Chief also addressed the Court, stating that this software allows the Emergency Management to send text messages or audio call to residents or people that are within the Brooks County vicinity, about an emergency.

**Motion:** to approve an Interlocal Agreement for the Emergency Notification System 9-1-1 database, **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.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION- the Court went into Executive Session at 10:49 AM.**

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

**14. Discuss vacancy position for 211/911, Indigent Care Coordinator**

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Prior to coming back from Executive Session Judge Ramos thanked Commissioner Garza and Commissioner Olivarez for the dedicated service they gave Brooks County.

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**OPEN SESSION – The Court came back into Open Session at 11:19 AM; present same as before.**

**15. Discuss, consider and act on Employment/Resignations/Retirements.**

**Motion:** to approve Robert "Bobby" Saenz resignation, retroactive as of November 10, 2020, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2, **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.

**Motion:** to accept resignation letter from Angie Regalado effective December 31, 2020 and to begin advertising for the position as soon as possible, **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.

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**16. Discuss, consider and act on 211/911 Position.**

Honorable Judge Ramos stated that we are currently accepting application for this position and closes December 14, 2020.

**Motion:** the functions and responsibility of 211 position will be moved to the Emergency Management Coordinators job, **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.

**Motion:** for the 911 Position; Mrs. Anna Garcia will be paid \$500.00 a month until someone is hired, **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.

**Motion:** to contract Bobby Saenz to work part time, after hours until someone is hired for the 211 position, **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.

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**17. Adjourn**

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. Motion passed unanimously.

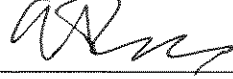
**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

**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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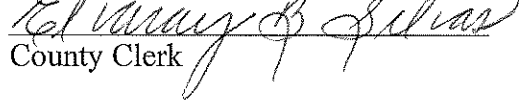
The preceding minutes beginning on page \_\_\_\_\_ and ending on page \_\_\_\_\_, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume \_\_\_\_\_, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021, A.D.

**APPROVED:**



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County Judge

**ATTESTED:**

  
County Clerk