

EMERGENCY COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETING

December 23, 2020

9:00 AM

Through teleconference with ZOOM

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this day, the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Brooks County, Texas met in Special Term through Teleconference through ZOOM.

OPEN MEETING- Judge Eric Ramos opened the meeting at 9:14 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,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk (Not voting).

Commissioner Williams is on but is having problems connecting, finally joined at 9:17 AM.

Brooks County governmental body has determined under Texas Local Government Code Sec. 551.045 Exception to General Rule: Notice of Emergency Meeting due to COVID-19

AGENDA

1. Public Comments

There were no public comments said at this time.

2. Discuss, consider and act on re-establishing the Curfew for Brook County due to COVID-19.

The Court discussed the above matter in open court with several concerns.

Motion: to re-establish the curfew, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. **(on file)**

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 3, No = 2, Abstain = 0).

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

No: Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

Motion: to enforce curfew hours from Sunday-Thursday from 11:00 PM - 5:00 AM and Friday and Saturday from 12:00 AM - 5:00 AM, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 3, No = 2, Abstain = 0).

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

No: Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

Judge Ramos read the resolution in open Court.

3. Discuss, consider and act on allowing all County offices to work skeleton crew.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court on the above matter discussing that we have 4 possible cases within County Employees. Judge Ramos stated that we are not requiring a skeleton crew but is asking from the Elected Officials, that if there is a way to have it done for the next 4 weeks.

Motion: to approve a skeleton crew, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 3, No = 2, Abstain = 0).

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

No: Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

4. Discuss, consider and act on a Resolution strongly recommending Brooks County citizens to stay home.

Motion: to approve a Resolution recommending citizens to stay home (not an order or a mandate), **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. (**on file**)

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 3, No = 2, Abstain = 0).

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

No: Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

Addendum

1. Discuss, consider and act on a Resolution for the Department of State Health Services.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court. Judge Ramos stated that this resolution is to provide us with addresses of people who have tested positive, since the State is no longer providing addresses. Judge Ramos stated that in signing this resolution it allows him to send a letter to the State requesting that addresses please be sent to the County. Mayor Justo Ramirez also addressed the Court about the State, he stated that this has hurt the City in notifying the household that they knew of a positive case.

Motion: to approve Resolution, **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. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **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.

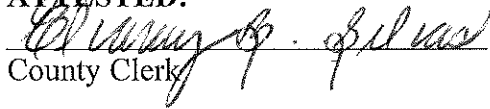
The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 9th day of February, 2021, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:



County Clerk