


SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
March 23, 2021
10:00 A.M.
2nd FLOOR COURTROOM
BROOKS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this day, the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Brooks County, Texas met in Special Term therein the City of Falfurrias in the 2nd floor Courtroom of the Brooks County Courthouse:

OPEN MEETING -Judge Eric Ramos opened the meeting at 10:13 AM 

Judge Eric Ramos asked for a moment of silence for prayers for both Commissioner's Gutierrez and Villarreal who are dealing with medical issues with their families.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-was led by Judge Eric Ramos

ROLL CALL-Judge Eric Ramos called for roll call:

Present: Eric Ramos, County Judge,
Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1,
Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk (Not voting).

Absent: Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2,
Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3.

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy County Clerk

At 10:15 AM Commissioner Villarreal joined the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Public Comments 

August Patroelj, Brooks County Auditor addressed the Court with a question as far as how many active COVID cases Brooks County has and a percentage of Brooks County citizens that have received the vaccination. Honorable Judge Eric Ramos did mention that we had a total of 20 active cases with COVID and that we have well over 30% percent that have received at least on vaccine and a total of 13-15 % that are fulling vaccinated.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Discuss, consider and act on MOU with KPSO for Emergency Broadcasting Services.



Judge Ramos stated that the MOU came up during the winter storm.

Motion: to approve an MOU with KPSO, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. **(on file)**

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3.

3. Discuss, consider and act on paying bills to support the Maintenance of the generators at the transmitter (Landfill) and the radio station.

Motion: to pay the bills, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 3, No = 0, Abstain = 1).

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3.

Abstain: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1.

Commissioner Garza abstained from the Motion due to connection with one of the bills

4. Discuss, consider and act on approving Amendment No. 1 to the Airport Project Participation Agreement. (Submitted by Bond Cosby)

Judge Ramos stated that the 10% County Match is normally paid by the ranchers who use the airport hangers.

Motion: to approve of Amendment #1, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Eric Ramos, County Judge. **(on file)**

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 3, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4.

No: Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3.

5. Discuss, consider and act on adding 4x4 steel angle welded to the new inside of the inspection pit. (Submitted by Commissioner PCT. 4 Ernesto Williams) 

The Commissioners addressed the addition of the steel angle and the safety concern. Commissioner Garza mentioned a warranty issue if the addition is added and who is responsible if something happens.

Motion: to table and have Judge Ramos contact the Architect in reference to the warranty issue, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3.


6. Discuss, consider and act in a Burn Ban for Brooks County.
(Submitted by Ruben Ramirez)

Judge Ramos stated that he had a meeting yesterday and that the condition is worse than a drought.

Motion: to approve of a burn ban, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" 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 = 4).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3.

7. Discuss, consider and act on approving a loan from Government Capital for funding of a Computer Aided dispatching system, a Patrol Reporting System and Vehicle (Submitted by Jorge Esparza, Commander) 

Commander Jorge Esparza addressed the Court on the above matter with a brief explanation of the loan and that the loan would get paid from a Sheriff's Fund.

Motion: to approve loan, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1.

Motion passed unanimously. (on file)

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 4).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3.

8. Discuss, consider and act on approving a monthly lease of a Peterbilt Trash Truck for the rural trash route. (Submitted by Ruby Allen, Landfill Supervisor)

Ruby Allen, Landfill Supervisor addressed the Court on the above matter. Joshua Baez, Landfill employee addressed his concerns on the trash truck, and explained the work needing to be done to the truck. Mrs. Allen stated she received some quotes and one was from Rush Refuse System and would lease a vehicle from 6 to 12 months in the amount of \$5,200.00. Judge Ramos stated that the County will be receiving monies and should consider in purchasing a trash truck. It was discussed that if a trash truck is rented, could it be just for 2 months. It was discussed to get the truck fully inspected and get an estimate on the work needed.

Motion: to table and get more information, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 4).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- At 11:20 AM the court went into Executive Session.

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

10. Discussion of Open Meetings Act-Emails

OPEN SESSION-At 11:31 AM the Court came back into Open Session; same as before.

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

No action taken.

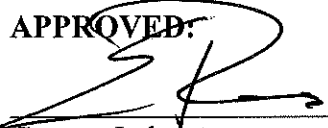
12. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" 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 = 4).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3.

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 14 day of May, 2021, A.D.

APPROVED:


County Judge

ATTESTED:

County Clerk