

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT

April 7, 2021

6:00 P.M.

Falfurrias High School Cafeteria

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this day, the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Brooks County, Texas met in Special Term therein the Falfurrias High School Cafeteria, 100 Jersey Drive in Falfurrias, Texas:

OPEN MEETING-Honorable Judge Eric Ramos opened the meeting at 6:25 PM

ROLL CALL- Judge Eric Ramos called for roll call:

Present: Eric Ramos, County Judge,
Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1,
Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3,
Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk (Not voting).

Absent: Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

Staff Present: Missy A. Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos called for recess at 6:26 PM to wait for the other present entities to have a quorum.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- was led by BCISD Board Members and was held before we can open back from recess.

2. **Moment of Silence-** BCISD Board called for a Moment of Silence; was held before meeting could be reopened.

At 6:32 PM the Court came back into open session; Present: same as before.

AGENDA

1. Public Comment

No public comments were said at this time.

3. Presentation of the five (5) community projects selected at the Collaborative Planning Session held on March 29, 2021.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos did a presentation on the above matter and discussed the following:

- Judge Ramos stated that the budget for this community project would be between \$250,000.00 – \$500,000.00;

- David Carbajal, VFW Commander addressed the Court on the above matter with a quick presentation on the need of the improvements needed at the VFW Hall, totaling about \$250,000.00;
- Ruben Ramirez, EMC/Fire Chief addressed the Court on the above matter in reference to the Communication tower estimation and the need of the tower totaling under \$1,400,000.00 (it was mentioned that Congressman Gonzalez stated that if this tower would benefit the surrounding counties that he would allow an increase of this project to 1 Million);
- Judge Ramos, Dr. Casas, Superintendent, and Ann Awalt, CACOST addressed the Court in reference to the School Based Health Center and that it will cost about \$1,260,000.00;
- Judge Ramos addressed the Court on the first responder equipment, also Ruben Ramirez, EMC/Fire Chief addressed the Court on the above matter with a total amount \$267,870.08 plus \$55,000.00 for the Sheriff
- It would take about \$250,000.00 to \$300,000.00 for the parks/sport complex (Judge Ramos and Board Member Jordan Garcia addressed the Court on this project)
No action taken, discussion only.

4. Discuss, consider and act on prioritizing the five (5) community projects.

The Court took a recess to prioritize the projects at 7:33 PM, the Court came back into session at 7:43 PM; Judge Ramos stated that all were present except for Commissioner Villarreal who left the meeting at 7:15 PM; Each entity suggested their prioritized list in order from 1-5 and placed their order to vote.

At 7:51 PM Commissioner Villarreal rejoined the meeting.

The Court stated their prioritized list as follows:

- 1-School based center
- 2- Communication Tower
- 3- First Responder Equipment
- 4-VFW Improvements
- 5- Park Improvements

Motion: to approve the prioritized list by the County, **Action:** Approve, **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.

5. Discuss, consider and act on approving a resolution recognizing the five (5) selected community project in prioritized order.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read the resolution in open Court.

Motion: to approve resolution with the prioritized order agreed by all entities, **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.

6. Adjournment

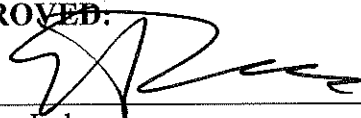
Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4. Motion passed unanimously.

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.

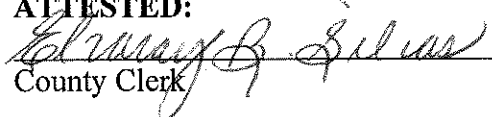
The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 14th day of May, 2021, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:



County Clerk