

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
August 17, 2021
3:00 P.M.
2nd FLOOR COURTROOM/ VIA ZOOM
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 /VIA ZOOM of the Brooks County Courthouse:

OPEN MEETING -Judge Eric Ramos opened the meeting at 3:11 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-was led by Judge Eric Ramos

ROLL CALL-Judge Eric Ramos called for roll call:

Present: Eric Ramos, County Judge,
Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2,
Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3,
Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4.

Absent: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk.

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy County Clerk


AGENDA

1. Public Comments

There were no public comments at this time.

2. Status on current Health Insurance. (By Walker & Associates) 

The committee met this morning and is asking to table the action item.

3. Discussion of 2020 redistricting plan as per the 2020 U.S. Census. 

Item was passed in the meantime, to allow Mr. Rios to connect

7. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$600 from 012-5-0404-5500 (Telephone) to 012-5-0406-5600 (Notices & Bidding)

(Judge Ramos made reference to an error in the budget line item that it should be 0409 instead of the 0404 and 0406)

Motion: to approve line-item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

ADDENDUM

1. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the Executive Mask Order. 

Judge Ramos stated that on Friday he ordered a mask mandate and is asking that we vote on it and wait to see what the Supreme Court says. Order cannot be enforced but would like for the order to be in place for when it's approved.

Commissioner Garza joined the meeting at 3:20 PM

Motion: to approve the order and not enforce until the Supreme Court orders so, if not order is to be removed, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously. (on file)

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

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

ADDENDUM 2. Discuss, consider and act on the Memorandum of Understanding between the Texas Department of Public Safety and Brooks County.

Motion: to approve Memorandum of Understanding, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, 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: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

ADDENDUM 3. Discuss, consider and act on Transfer \$1000 from 012-5-0510-5830 (A/C Maintenance) to 012-5-0409-9070 (Misc.).

Motion: to approve line-item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

ADDENDUM 4. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving Health Insurance Plan. 

Judge Ramos stated that the committee meet and reviewed 4 plans with 2 including the valley. The Committee asked for more information and to meet again.

Motion: to table, **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: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.



4. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the certification of 2020 excess debt collections and the 2021 anticipated collection rate. (Submitted by Terri Silvas)

Terri A Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector read certification letters in open Court.

Motion: to approve certification of 2020 excess debt and 2021 anticipated collection rate, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" 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: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

5. Discuss, Consider and Act on accepting certified total appraised, assessed and taxable values of all 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 2021 Planning calendar. (Submitted by Terri Silvas)  

Motion: to accept certified total appraised, assessed and taxable value; the Governing Body Summary# 1A and #2A and the 2021 Planning calendar, **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 = 5).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

6. Discuss, Consider and Act on tax rate; if proposed tax rate 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) 

Motion: to go with total tax rate of .0943599, **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 = 5).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

The Court went back to line item #3 Mr. Rios was still not present

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$200 from 012-5-0510-5805 (Lawn Maint.) and \$200 from 012-5-0510-5820 (Vehicle Maint. Repairs) to 012-5-0510-5105

Motion: to approve line-item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

9. Budget Workshop

A. ARPA. 2021

B. 2021-2022 Budget

The Court discussed that the tax rate just approved will bring in revenue of \$3,412,444 at a 100% collection, Terri Silvas stated that last year we proposed a 96% and that the numbers would change if percentage rate collected is changed.

10. Discuss, Consider and Act on ARPA, 2021 Expenditures.

Item was passed by the Court

The Court went back to Line Item #3,

Motion: to table, **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 = 5).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Item was passed by the Court.

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

OPEN SESSION- Item was passed by the Court.

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

13. Adjourn

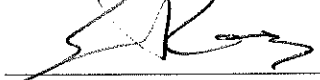
Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 4:07 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Eric Ramos, County Judge. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3, 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 14th day of October, 2021, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:



County Clerk