


SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
August 24, 2021
3:30 P.M.
2nd FLOOR COURTROOM/ VIA ZOOM
BROOKS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

OPEN MEETING-Judge Eric Ramos opened the meeting at 3:40 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, (Present through ZOOM).
Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, (Present through ZOOM).
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk (Not voting) (Present through ZOOM).

Absent: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1,
Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3.

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy County Clerk

AGENDA

1. Public Comments


Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that this will be our last meeting through ZOOM and that everyone would need to be present at the next, due to the Order passed by the Governor back in June.

2. Discuss, Consider and Act on Texas Department of Transportation Airport Project Participation Agreement FY 2022 RAMP Grant. (Submitted by August Patroelj) 

Motion: to approve Agreement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4. Motion passed unanimously. **(on file)**

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 3).

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

3. Discuss, Consider and Act on Transferring \$700.00 from 012-5-0456-5000 Supplies, to 012-5-0456-8107 Part-Time. Submitted by (JP #2 Oralia Morales) 

Motion: to approve line-item transfer, **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 = 3).

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

4. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$ 4,000.00 from 012-5-0512-5450 Prisoners Medical Expense, \$4,000.00 012-5-0426-5484 Crt Appt Atty- Criminal, to 012-5-0409-5410

Prof. Fees- Acct & Auditing. 

Motion: to approve line-item transfer, **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 = 3).

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

5. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the 2022 Sheriff's and Constable fee's. 

Motion: leave as is, **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 = 3).

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

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

Motion: to table, **Action:** Table, **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 = 3).

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

7. Budget Workshop

A. ARPA. 2021

B. 2021-2022 Budget

EXECUTIVE SESSION- At 3:49 PM the Court went into Executive Session

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

OPEN SESSION- At 4:15 pm the Court came back into open session. Present same as before; Commissioner Villarreal joined the meeting at 3:49 PM per Honorable Judge Ramos.

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

No action taken, discussion only.

The Court continued to discuss the above line item.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that we have a short fall of \$400,000; will be doing a 7.5 % cut across the board saving \$117,000 and cutting 6 positions from the budget; 2 people will

be laid off, the rest are positions not currently filled. Saving about \$200,000 with these cuts; discussed giving a pay increase to the Deputies with the ARPA money and a possible increase to everyone.

It was stated that the Court would meet again on August 31st.

10. Adjourn

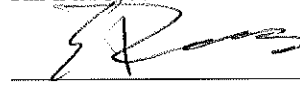
Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Eric Ramos, County Judge, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2. Motion passed unanimously.

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.

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 19th day of October, 2020, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:

Ernesto B. Silva
County Clerk