

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT

March 29, 2021

6:30 P.M.

Falfurrias High School Library

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

OPEN MEETING-Judge Eric Ramos called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM

ROLL CALL-Judge Eric Ramos called for roll call:

Present: Eric Ramos, County Judge,
Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1,
Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2,
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 County Clerk

2. Moment of Silence

Was held by all entities present Brooks County ISD School Board, Brooks County Commissioners Court, and the City Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Aaron Trevino, acting Mayor Pro-tem led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

1. Public Comment

Mr. Rick Rubio, President of Premont Veterans Association addressed the Court asking permission to come to Brooks County for the Memorial Celebration on May 29th to honor the Veterans by placing a wreath and doing a memorial walk back to Premont.

3. Brooks County ISD, Falfurrias City Council and Brooks County Commissioners Court Collaborative Planning Session

- A. Collaborative discussion to identify community projects for consideration of possible additional funding of American Rescue Plan.
- B. Consideration and possible action to approve the resolution to identify prioritized community projects.

Honorable Judge Ramos, City Mayor Pro-tem Aaron Trevino, Estella Anzualda, Board Member, Adrian Reyes, School Board President, Jordan Garcia, Board Member, Marty Cabrera, City Councilman, Dr. Casas, Superintendent, Erica Woodruff, BEHOLD, Ann Awalt, CACOST, Marissa Utley-Trevino, Martin Cuellar, VFW member, Nikki Alviar-Garcia, CACOST addressed the Court with ideas on the above matter.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court on the above matter; Brooks County will be receiving 1,375,000.00, Brooks County ISD will be receiving \$8,500,000.00 and the City of Falfurrias will be receiving \$1,049,000.00, and in picking 5 project that is out of reach and benefits the Community in some way which is agreed upon all 3 entities. Judge Ramos addressed to the Court, City and the Board with a quick presentation on the needs of these 5 Project. Adrian Reyes , School Board President agreed with Judge Ramos in choosing projects and them coming back to choose the one they want as a whole, but would need to agree by next week, since Congressman Gonzalez wants to do the project soon. The entities came up with 10 projects:

- Communication Tower
- 24/7 Small Emergency Center
- Improvements for VFW
- Dome Shelter
- Sports Complex
- Affordable housing
- First Responders Equipment
- School Based Health Center
- Generator
- Urgent Care
- Expand the Jail

The Court recessed at 7:56 PM to discuss the ideas presented and select 5 ideas; the Court came back into open session at 8:04 PM; Present same as before.

Judge Eric Ramos mentioned that the meeting was original posted for the Library but was changed to the school cafeteria.

Judge Eric Ramos continued to discuss the issue on hand; Judge Ramos asked each entity on how they rule on the Projects. The School Board motioned to cut down to five; the City motioned the same.

Motion: to knock the projects down to five, **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.

At 8:09 PM the Court took a 5-minute recess to discuss on the 5 projects wanted. At 8:14 PM, the Court came back into open session, present same as before.

Each Entity mentioned there vote for the 5 projects:

The School choose

- School health based center
- Communications tower
- 1st responder equipment
- Improving the VFW
- Little league and community park facility

The City choose

- School based health center
- Communications tower
- Urgent care
- 1st responders equipment
- VFW

The County Choose:

- School based clinic
- Communication tower
- Little league and community park facility
- 1st responder equipment
- VFW repairs

Motion: to table, the resolution for Monday April 8th, **Action:** Table, **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.

4. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **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.

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 11th day of May, 2021, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:

Edgar Villarreal
County Clerk