


SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT

March 30, 2021

3:30 PM

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 called the meeting to order at 3:36 PM 

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,
Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2,
Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3,
Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk (Not voting).

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy County Clerk

AGENDA.

1. Public Comment

No public comments were said at this time.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Bills and Claims

Motion: to approve the bills and claims as presented, **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.

3. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$5,000.00 from 012-5-0510-5830 A/C

System Repair to 012-5-0409-9066 Civil Defense 

Motion: to approve line-item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2, **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.

4. Discuss, consider and act on transferring the following monies. (Submitted by Commander Jorge Esparza)

- a. \$300.00 from line item 012-5-0512-5800 Repairs and maint-bids to line item
 - i. 012-5-0512-9080 Registration
- b. \$200.00 from line item 012-5-0512-5000 Office supplies to line item
 - i. 012-5-0512-9080 Registration

Motion: to approve line-item transfers a-b, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2, **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.

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

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos informed the Court that this loan had been approved at the last Commissioners Court, but the term of the loan was not approved. Commander Jorge Esparza addressed the Court on the above matter. **Motion:** to go with the 5-year financing term, **Action:** Approved, **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.


6. Discuss consider and act on adding a 4X4 steel angle welded to the new inside of the inspection pit. (Submitted by Commissioner PCT. #4 Ernesto Williams)

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that this is a continuation from the last meeting, and that he had spoken with the Architect, and if an outside source does the work, it will invalidate the warranty. Commissioner Garza stated that this works needs to be done since it is a safety issue.


Motion: to approve the bid from the architect, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3.

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.

7. Discuss, consider and act on a means for continuing the garbage services for residents in the unincorporated parts (rural routes) of Brooks County. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that this is a continuation from the last meeting, and that we have been using some equipment from the Road and Bridge to continue trash pickup. He also stated that it cost \$858.00 to tow the trash truck to get looked at. Commissioner Williams suggested that we should go with an outside source to do the collection of trash in the meantime. Commissioner Williams stated that he could get a hold of Evan Acevedo to ask him questions. Item was passed to get more information.

8. Discuss, consider and act on a Resolution for 2021-2022 Border Star Grant number 3001907. (Submitted by Sheriff's Office) 

Commander Jorge Esparza addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve the resolution for the 2021-2022 Border Star Grant, **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.

 The Court went back to discuss line item #7

Commissioners Williams was able to get Mr. on the phone, but his phone died so the Court was not able to talk with him. David T Garcia, County Attorney suggested that this has been an issue for a long time and that one of the commissioners should do a study and get the amount that it would cost to get a new trash truck with an arm and see if it would benefit the County in the long run.

Mr. Acevedo was able to get through and it was stated that if the county would go through with this, he would charge the same amount and with no \$60 trashcan fee. It was discussed if the County would go this route, it would be for 2 months and then restart with the County. Abel Vargas addressed the Court asking if the other company were to pick up the trash if they would collect same amount the county is now.

August Patroelj, County Auditor stated that the Landfill needs to have a certain number of employees to run the landfill.

Motion: to go with Stix Disposal for 3 months to do trash pickup, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 3, No = 2, Abstain = 0).

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

No: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Eric Ramos, County Judge.

Motion: to rescind the motion, **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.

Motion: to table and come up with a formal contract, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3, **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.

10 Discuss, consider and act on renewal of Texas Pollution Discharge Elimination System

(TPDES) Storm water permit at the Brooks County Airport.

Motion: to table and figure out the correct cost of the permit, in order to do the transferring of monies, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3, **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.

Addendum

1. Discuss, consider and act on resolving the conflict of a scheduled Holiday Thursday April 1, 2021 and a scheduled COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic that requires the

staffing of Brooks County Employees

The Court discussed the above matter, Judge Ramos suggested if they work the scheduled holiday that with the approval of their supervisor, they would be able to take a day of their choice from here to the end of the budget year.

Motion: if an employee works the scheduled holiday that with the approval of their supervisor, they would be able to take a day of their choice from here to the end of the budget year,

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 = 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.

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

OPEN SESSION

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

12. Adjourn 


Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 4:23 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2, **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 11th day of NOV, 2021, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:



County Clerk