


SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
AUGUST 14, 2023
1:30 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 opened the meeting at 1:37 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,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk (Not voting).

Absent: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1.

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

1. Public Comments 

There were no public comments.

2. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving an Interlocal Cooperation Contract between Texas A&M Forest Service and Brooks County, Contract No. Co-23-198.

(Submitted by Ruben Ramierz) 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated in approving this Contract would allow the County to use a new weather system that will be installed at the Airport.

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

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.

3. Discuss, Consider and Act on a one-time stipend in the amount of \$1,219.93 to Melissa Cisneros Court Clerk for JP PCT #1.

(Submitted by Ernesto Williams Commissioner PCT 4) 

Commissioners Williams stated that at the last meeting he was a little stunned since it was mentioned that there is a policy. Commissioner Williams stated that he reviewed the policy and it doesn't mention anything about a stipend, and suggests that a policy should be implemented to where monies left over to be used (salary).

Motion: to approve, **Action:** Approve, Moved by Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, None seconded. Motion died due to lack of second.

4. Discuss, Consider and Act on changing the Brooks County Landfill Hours of Operation.

Motion: to approve changing of the landfill hours to (Tuesday thru Saturday 7:30 AM - 4:00PM with a lunch from 12:00-12:30 PM) (to begin October 1st), **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 3, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

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

No: Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

5. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the 2023-2024 proposed Budget.

Motion: to adopt the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. 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.

6. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the certification of 2022 excess debt collections and the 2023 anticipated collection rate.

Terri A. Silvas Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to certify the 2022 excess debt collections and the 2023 anticipated collections., **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 = 4).

Yes: 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 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 2023 Planning Calendar.

Terri A. Silvas Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Eric Ramos, County Judge. Motion passed unanimously. (**on file**)

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.

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on tax rate; if proposed tax rate will exceed the voter approval or the no new revenue tax rate (whichever is lower), take record, vote and schedule public hearings.

Terri A. Silvas Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector addressed the Court on the above matter, stating that the proposed tax rate would be 0.884988.

Motion: to approve the proposed tax rate of 0.884988, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. 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.

9. Budget Workshop

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that no, there were no changes currently.

10. Adjourn


Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 2:17 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **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 = 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 23rd day of February, 2024, A.D.

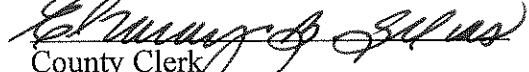
APPROVED:



County Judge



ATTESTED:



County Clerk