SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT September 24, 2021 4:15 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 4:16 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, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4,

Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk (Not voting).

Absent: Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2,

Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.

Staff Present: Missy A. Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Public Comments

No comments were said at this time.

2. Approve of Bills and Claims

Motion: to approve the bills and claims as presented by the County Auditor, 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 = 3).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4.

3. <u>Discussion on Southern Brooks Volunteer Fire Department.</u>

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that someone was supposed to be here today but couldn't make it. Judge Ramos stated that they are interested in taking over the roadside park on 755 and want to make a small substation. The only issue is that the Court needs to get a clarification on ownership,

due it being given to Border Patrol previously. Judge Ramos stated that this will be placed on the next agenda. No action taken, discussion only.

At 4:17 PM Commissioner Villarreal joined the meeting.

4. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the Local Border Star Grant Resolution for 2021-</u> 2022. (Submitted by Sheriff's Office)

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court.

Motion: to approve resolution, Action: Approve, Moved by Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Seconded by Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously. (on file)

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.

5 <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on Approving the Alien Death Processing and Missing Persons</u> grant Resolution for 2021-2022. (Submitted by Sheriff's Office)

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court.

Motion: to approve resolution, 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 = 4).

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

6. Discuss, Consider and Approve an order adopting the Brooks County 2021-2022 Budget.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that the only change to the budget is that David Guerra, Road and Bridge Foreman has asked to add \$100,000 to capital outlay instead of \$70,000 to purchase a new tractor and a 15-foot shredder. Honorable Judge read Order in Open Court.

Motion: to approve Order adopting the 2021-2022 Budget, Action: Approve, Moved by Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, 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: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.

7. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on adopting the Tax Rates for fiscal year 2021-2022 to include the</u> Following language

Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector addressed the Court by reading an Order Adopting the Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

At 4:28 PM Commissioner Gutierrez joined the meeting.

Motion: to adopt the Tax Rate for fiscal year 2021-2022, 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.
EXECUTIVE SESSION- Item was passed by the Court, nothing to discuss.
8. Discuss Employment/Resignations/Retirements and other Personnel Issues.
OPEN SESSION 9 Discuss, consider and act on Employment/Resignations/Retirements.
Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 PM, Action: Adjourn, 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.
The preceding minutes beginning on page, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 10th day of 00th 20th , 2021, A.D.
APPROVED: County Judge ATTESTED: County Clerk