

**SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**May 18, 2021**

**3:50 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 3:39 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.

**Absent:** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2,  
Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3,  
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk.

**Staff Present:** Missy A Saavedra, Deputy County Clerk

**AGENDA**

**1. Public Comment**

There were no public comments said at this time.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**2. Bills and Claims**

Item passed there were no bills and claims for approval.

**3. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$24,095.04 from line item 012-5-0562-8136; to line item 012-5-0562-8107 Part-Time. ( Submitted by Jorge Esparza)**

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

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

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**4. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$21,300.00 from line item 012-5-0510-5700; to 012-5-0409-9020**

**Motion:** , **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 = 3).

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

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**5. Discuss, Consider and Act on moving DPS Trooper Garcia Memorial to Courthouse Grounds.**

**Motion:** to move DPS Trooper Garcia Memorial monument to the Courthouse Grounds, **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 = 3).

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

Sgt. Danny Pena stated that Bobby Ramirez Funeral Director would take care of the cost of the relocation of the monument and that a celebration will be held on a later date.

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**6. Discuss, consider and act on Declaration of Local State of Disaster regarding the recent influx of immigrants.**

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read the Declaration in open Court.

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At 4:10 PM Commissioner Villarreal joined the meeting.  
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**Motion:** to approve Declaration, **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.

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**7. Discuss, consider and act on recognizing the month of May as Mental Health Awareness Month.**

**Motion:** to approve May as Mental Health Awareness Month, **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.

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**8. Discuss updates on:**   
A. Brite Star Contract

- B. Entrust Electricity Bill
- C. COVID-19;
  - a. NEW CDC Guidelines
  - b. CARES ACT
  - c. ARPA, 2021

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court on the above matter with quick updates on the following items:

- a. We had changed companies and per the contract it didn't have no date, but the contract did have a clause so we do need to pay the bill;
- b. looking into the bill, due to the County not having light for three days during the winter storm and are being billed for it; has talked to TAC and that an amendment can be done to pay this bill should it need to be paid.
- c. there are new COVID-19 guidelines; on the wearing of masks due to the new order signed; in receiving \$92,000; reviewed a section of the guidelines for the spending of the ARPA funds; providing a list of projects by next month.  
No action taken, discussion only.

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**9. Discuss of proposed Urgent Care facility in Brooks County by RGV Urgent Care Clinic PLLC.**

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that the Dr. and Mr. Vasquez were not able to be present but would still discuss the item and bring back for discussion and approval. Its was suggested to use the Penly and Wilder Building and to add them to our insurance network. No action taken, discussion only.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**-Item was passed by the Court.

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

**OPEN SESSION**- Item was passed by the Court.

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

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**12. Adjourn**

**Motion:** to adjourn at 4:35PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. 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.

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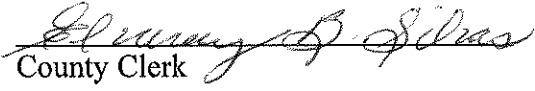
The preceding minutes beginning on page \_\_\_\_\_ and ending on page \_\_\_\_\_, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume \_\_\_\_\_, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021, A.D.

**APPROVED:**



County Judge

**ATTESTED: \***



County Clerk