


REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT
October 14, 2021
10:00 A.M.
2nd FLOOR COURTROOM
BROOKS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this day, the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Brooks County, Texas met in Regular 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 10:04 AM 

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,
Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk (Not voting).

Absent: Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.

Staff Present: Missy A. Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

Commissioner Villarreal joined the meeting at 10:06 AM

AGENDA

1. Public Comments

There were no public comments made at this time.

2. Approve of Regular and Special Commissioners' Court minutes.

Commissioner Williams addressed the Court in reference to a correction needed on the minutes of 09-24-2021, Line Item 6; that it needed to reflect \$70,000 instead of \$7,000.00

Motion: to table, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 4, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

No: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1.

3. Approve of Bills and Claims 

Motion: to approve of the bills and claims as presented, **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 = 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. Approve Monthly Reports 

- a. Treasurer's Monthly Report
- b. Auditor's Monthly Report
- c. Tax Assessor Collector Chief Deputy Monthly Report
- d. Approve Monthly Reports by Brooks County
 - i. (Submitted by County Foreman)
 - ii. (Submitted by Brooks County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1-4)
 - iii. (Submitted by Brooks County Library Supervisor)
 - iv. (Submitted by Ruby Allen, Landfill Supervisor)

The Court reviewed the Treasurer's monthly report; Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented her monthly report for the month of September 2021;


Motion: to approve of the monthly reports as submitted, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, **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.

5. Agrilife Extension reports (reports for information only)


No reports presented.

6. Discuss, Consider and Act on the Authorization of a Surplus/Salvage Property Sale on November 6, 2021 at Brooks County Road & Bridge, 323 W. Travis St. Falfurrias, Texas, commencing at 10:00 AM. (Submitted by August Patroelj) 

Motion: to approve of surplus/salvage sale, **Action:** Approve, **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 = 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 allowing the Southern Brooks Volunteer Fire Department to add a substation at the Rest Area on HWY 755. 

Andrew Rodriguez, Southern Brooks Volunteer Department is asking for permission to use the roadside park on FM 755 to make a substation, the only thing is needed, is help to tear down

the park. David Guerra stated that he spoke with TxDOT and that they were planning to tear it down, due to roof falling apart. There was discussion that Border Patrol was not interested in using the park.

Motion: to accept of the usage of the park by Southern Brooks Fire Department with an investigation of the ownership of the park, **Action:** Approve, **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.

7. **Discuss, Consider and Act on Approving missing gas receipts** 

1. Valero 9/03/2021 \$28.00
2. Exxon 9/2/2021 \$57.37

Motion: to pay gas receipts, **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 = 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.

8. **Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property**
Suit No.06-05-01698-TX; Brooks County, City of Falfurrias and Brooks County
Independent School District vs Macedonia Trevino Acct. No. 01300-000A-005-00; lot 5
block 'A', Rachal's Addition, Town of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas according to the
map plat thereof, recorded in volume 1, page 36, map records of brooks County, Texas.



Motion: to approve of offer made by Audrey Nicole Guerra to purchase tax sale property in the amount of \$2,700.00, **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 = 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.


9. **Discuss, consider and Act on nominating two Candidates for the Brooks County**
Appraisal District Board of Directors. 

Motion: to keep them the same, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. 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.


11. Discuss, consider and act on renewing the Brooks County Website Plan with the Texas

Association of Counties County Information Resources Agency TAC CIR 

Motion: to renew website plan with TAC, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **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.


16. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$67,000 from 012-5-0560-8104 (Deputies) to 012- 5-0571-9083 (Supplement/Jim Wells PO/s). 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court in reference to the above line item, stating that at budget time we left out the County Portion for the Probation Department. In order to fund this, will be moving 4 deputies to the ARPA Fund.

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **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 = 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.

12. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$21,000 from 013-5-0033-5827 (Road Construction/Improvement) to 013-5-01305-0033-8105 (Workers). 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that the Line item transfers is to give the entire road and bridge employees a \$1,500 increase. Judge Ramos made corrections to line items that they should be 013-05-0033-8105 Workers; 013-5-0033-8102 Appointed Payroll; 013-5-0033-8120 Secretary. It was also discussed that Rosendo Garcia will be right under Mr. Guerra and Mr. Azocar, he was given an extra duty of maintaining the vehicles.

Motion: to approve line item transfers for agenda items 12-15, **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 = 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.

13. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,500 from 013-5-0033-5827 (Road Construction/Improvement) to 013-5-013-0033-8102 (Appointed payroll).

In conjunction with line item 12.

14. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,500 from 013-5-0033-5827 (Road Construction/Improvement) to 013-5-01305- 0033-8120 (Secretary).

In conjunction with line item 12.

15. Discuss, consider and Act on transferring \$4,500 from 013-5-0033-5800 (Warehouse repairs & Maint.) to 013-5-0033-8105(Workers.)

In conjunction with line item 12.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- item passed by the Court.

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

OPEN SESSION

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

19. Adjourn 

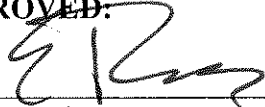
Motion: to adjourn at 10:55 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

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.

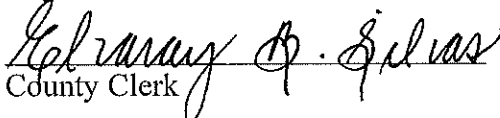
The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 10th day of February, 2022, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:



County Clerk