

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT

November 23, 2021

10:00 AM

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 10:06 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

AGENDA

1. Public Comments

There were no public comments said at this time.

2. Approve of Bills and Claims

Item was passed by the Court

3. Discuss, Consider and Act on the submittal resolutions respectively to USDA under its Rural Utility program, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Single Family HOME Reservation (RSP) program, and the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) Building Resilience in Community (BRIC)."

Mr. Briones addressed the Court stating that three separate public hearings will need to be held. Mr. Briones also stated that he already has drafts available for review. Also that there is a 25% match for the BRIC, can use funds from the American Rescue Plan, but can also use incline labor for the match; home reservation program to start a housing program; in submitting an umbrella application; USDA rural utility also for infrastructure for a 90% grant with a 10% local grant match; discussion of CRP (covid funds) to subsidize development center (senior citizens center/vaccination site) for the future and possible having a workshop to discuss developments.

Honorable Judge read three resolutions in open court. It was discussed that the main concern is the BRIC program but if the other two work out under this umbrella submission, would be great.

Motion: to approve resolutions for BRIC, USDA and TDHCA, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. 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, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

4. Discuss, Consider and Act on Texas J&J Settlement Agreement offer to Brooks County. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that 6 weeks ago a national agreement was sent and has been ignored. The Court discussed the agreement at hand in reference to the opioid settlement agreement in the amount of \$5454.00.

Motion: to look further into this, and look into the National Agreement, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **None seconded.** Motion dies due to lack of second.

Motion: to approve Texas J&J Settlement Agreement offer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eric Ramos, County Judge, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1. **(on file)**

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

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

No: Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4.

5. Discuss, Consider and Act on accepting donated office furniture from Laredo WIC Program. 

Motion: to accept donation, **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 = 4).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

6. Discuss, consider, and possibly approve the Ed Rachal Foundation Grant for the amount of \$75,000.00 for the Brooks County Ed Rachal Memorial Library. Presented by Lone Star Strategy Group, LLC. 

Marissa Utley- Trevino, Lone Star Strategy Group, LLC addressed the Court in reference to the above matter and in accepting the grant, so that a letter of acceptance can be sent.

Motion: to accept grant amount of \$75,000.00, **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 = 4).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

7. Discuss, consider, and possibly approve soliciting for RFQ's for the installation of a new roof for the Brooks County Ed Rachal Memorial Library. Presented by Lone Star Strategy Group,

LLC 

Marissa Utley- Trevino, Lone Star Strategy Group, LLC addressed the Court in reference to the above matter, she informed Commissioners Garza and Gutierrez that a meeting was held with the Library Board in what was needed from this grant, and the installation of a new roof was advised. Ricardo Solis (Library Board member) stated the Tucker Foundation would be a suggestion and that the Tucker Foundation would give about \$85,000 which could also be used for purchasing of furniture.

Motion: to go out for bids for RFQ's to close out on December 10th, **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 = 4).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$4,966.06 from 012-5-0409-8202 County Medical

Ins.: to 012-5-0560-5105 Oil & Gas. 

Motion: to approve line-item transfer, **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 = 4).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

9. Adjourn 

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **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 = 4).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

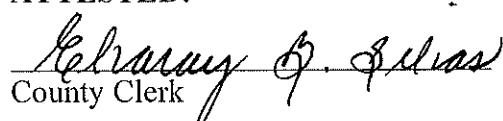
The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 10th day of February, 2022, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:


County Clerk