

REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT
February 9, 2023
3:00 P.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 3:18 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,
Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2,
Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3,
Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County & District Clerk (Not voting).

AGENDA

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

None presented.

3. Approve of Bills and Claims

Motion: to approve of the bills and claims, **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 = 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)

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos presented the County Treasurer's report for the month of January.

1. Public Comments

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos asked for any public comments:

Irma Menchaca addressed the Court stating that at the library there are 15 computers and only 2 of them have Microsoft Word for public use. Also, there is a winter Texan that will be providing a free genealogy class.

Ricardo Rodriguez addressed the Court in reference to a bid that he wanted to place but wasn't able to meet the deadline and informed the court that he wants to do the work at the Library.

The Court continued to discuss line item #4.

Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented her report for the month of January.

Motion: to approve the monthly reports as presented, **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 = 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.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos asked for prayers for Ruby Allen, who was taken by ambulance early today.

- 7. **Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property, Suite No. 11-05-01914-TX; Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County and City of Falfurrias vs JL Barth Co Acct. No. 01000002100100; Lot 21, La Colonia Mexicana Addition , an addition to the City of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas , according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 45, Page 503, Deed Records of Brooks County, Texas; Save & except however, that certain 0.120 acre tract described in Volume 328, Page1, Official Records of Brooks County, Texas.**

Motion: to approve purchase of tax sale property, **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.

5. Agrilife Extension Reports

For review only.

- 6. **Discuss, Consider and Act on going out for new bids on the Ed Rachal Memorial Library roof.**

Motion: to go out for bids, **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 Texas per diem rates for FY 2023.

Motion: to approve Texas per diem rates, **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 = 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 approving out of State per diem rate of \$79.00.

Motion: to approve an Out of State per diem rate of \$79.00, **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.

9. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,000.00 from 012-5-0665-5209 JM Alaniz Fairgrounds, to 012-5-0665-9068 Part-Time. (Submitted by Nikolo Guerra)

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 = 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 placing speed bumps on Co Rd 102 West Lee St. in front of Ramirez residence. (Submitted by Commissioner Pct. 1 Eddy Garza)

Motion: to approve placing of speed bumps, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3. 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.

11. **Discuss, Consider, and Act on transferring \$10,000.00 from line item 012-5-0512-8105 jailers: to 012-5-0512-8129 Overtime. (Submitted by Sheriff's Office)**

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **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.

Addendum

1. **Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$250.00 from line item 012-5-0510-5000 Office Supplies, \$650.00 from 012-5-0510-5120 Janitorial Supplies: to 012-5-0510-5820 Vehicle Maint-Repairs**

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo 'Eddie' Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Item passed by the Court.

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

OPEN SESSION

13. Discuss, Consider, and Act on Employment/Resignations/Retirements.

14. **Adjourn**

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 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 = 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 23rd day of February, 2024, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:


County Clerk

