# SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT Thursday, May 25, 2023 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 1:45 PM **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**-was led by Judge Eric Ramos

ROLL CALL-Judge Eric Ramos called for roll call:

Present: Eric Ramos, County Judge,

Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2,

Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4,

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

Absent: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1,

Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

#### **AGENDA**

#### 1. Public Comments

Irma Menchaca addressed the Court in reference to the bulletin board outside and the organization of the things posted; since she had issues finding the posted agenda for today's meeting.

Elisa Torres made a public comment appreciating the work that is being done in Precinct 3.

## 2. Approve of Bills and Claims

Motion: to approve the bills and claims as presented, Action: Approve, Moved by Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, Seconded by Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously. (on file)

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 3).

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

## 3. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on going out for bids to replace the Chiller at the Brooks County</u> Courthouse.

Motion: to table, Action: Table, 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 = 3).

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

#### 4. Discuss, consider, and select an engineering firm to complete project implementation for the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund (CTIF) program through the Texas Department of Transportation.

Judge Ramos presented to the Court 2 bids one from Ardura and the other from Thonhoff Consulting Engineering, Inc. Motion: to table so that each commissioner can score them, Action: Table, 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 = 3).

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

#### 5. Discuss, Consider and Act on a Resolution for the selection of the Professional Engineering Service for the 2020 Transportation Infrastructure Fund program project.

Motion: to table, Action: Table, 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 = 3).

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

#### 6. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$10,000.00 from 013-5-0033-9514 Capital Outlay to 012-5-0033-8107 Part-Time. (Submitted by David Guerra)

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 = 3).

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

#### 7. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying Leo Garza Plumbing Invoice #1434 for \$65.00 on a service call at the Blumer Building.

Motion: to pay invoice, 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 = 3).

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

#### 8. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying Falfurrias Publishing for invoice #00045653 for \$91.00 & invoice #00045681 for \$91.00.

Motion: to pay invoice, Action: Approve, Moved by Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, Seconded by Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 3).

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

### 9. Discuss, Consider and Act on rescinding the Brooks County Covid sick leave policy.



Motion: to rescind the Brooks County Covid sick leave policy, Action: Approve, Moved by Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, Seconded by Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously. Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 3). Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. 10. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$2,500.00 from 012-5-0409-9070 (misc.) to 012-5- 0519-5105 (oil & gas) 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 = 3). Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. 11. Adjourn. Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 2:01 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 = 3). Yes: 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 Am day of May, 2024, A.D.

APPROVED:

Edward & Salue
County Clerk