

**REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**July 20, 2023**  
**1:30 PM**  
**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 1:34 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,  
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk (Not voting).  
**Absent:** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4.

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

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**1. Public Comments**

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos asked for any public comments for items that were not on the agenda:  
Ric Rubio, New Post Commander for the VFW and invited the Commissioners Court to a meeting that will be held tomorrow; asking for some milling for the parking lot.

Irma Menchaca addressed the Court in reference to a cooling center for Brooks County and confirmed with Judge Ramos as the Library is being used.

Lisa Torres, complements Mr. Guerra and the Road and Bridge employees on doing a great job in Encino.

Nikolo Guerra, just wanted to inform the Court in reference to some events coming up, Shooting events, fall fest October 28th

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos asked for any public comments for items on the agenda: there were no comments made.

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

Item passed, none presented.

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### 3. Approve of Bills and Claims

**Motion:** to approve the bills and claims as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **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, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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### 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 reviewed the County Treasurer Monthly report in open Court; Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented her monthly report for the month of June 2023.

**Motion:** to approve the monthly reports as presented, **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, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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### 5. Agrilife Extension Reports

Informational only.

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### 6. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase ta sale property, Suite No. 03-07-01389-TX; City of Falfurrias, Brooks County Independent School District and Brooks County vs. Roxanna Mireles, Acct. No 04900000100900; Lot 9, Blok 1, Dickey Heights addition, City of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas as described in Volume 129, page 649. deed Records of Brooks County, Texas

**Motion:** to approve tax sale property bid, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Eric Ramos, County Judge. **(on file)**


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

**Yes:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.

**No:** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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### 7. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No.04-10-01532-TX; Brooks County, Brooks County Independent School District and City of Falfurrias vs. Nieves Calderon Estate, ACCT. No. 00716-0000-001-00; 1051 acres, more or less , situated in the Nieves Calderon Survey, Abstract 71, Brooks County, Texas as described in patent

**#308 dated December 13, 1943 from Governor of the State of Texas to Nieves Calderon, in Volume 21, page 348, Deed records of Brooks County, Texas.** 


Honorable Judge Eric Ramos made a correction to the line item, stating that it was 1.51 acres instead of 1051.

**Motion:** to approve tax sale property bid, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Eric Ramos, County Judge. **(on file)**

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

**Yes:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.


**No:** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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**8. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 11-08-01946-TX; Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County and City of Falfurrias vs. Andres R. Lopez Acct. NO. 01450000200700; lot 7, Block2, Barrera Addition NO.2, an Additions to the Townsite of Falfurrias, Brooks, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 26, Page 548, Deed Records of Brooks County, Texas.** 

**Motion:** to approve tax sale property bid, **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, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.


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**9. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 15-06-02150-TX; Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County and City of Falfurrias vs. Evangelina Rosas Acct. No. 01300000G00400; Lot 4, Block "G", Rachal Addition, an addition to the City of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas as described in Volume 188, page 803, Official Records of Brooks County, Texas.** 

**Motion:** to approve tax sale property bid, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eric Ramos, County Judge, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. **(on file)**

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

**Yes:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.

**No:** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.


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**10. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale Property Suit No. 18-08-02270-TAX; Brooks County Independent School District and Brooks County vs. Tamara Rose Corvera Acct. No 05200000901104; 6,000.00 square feet , containing 0.1377 acre, more or less, within the East part of Lots 11 and 14, Block, 9, Falfurrias Farm and Garden Tracts, being out of the Cantu Addition Unit1, an Addition on Brooks County, Texas, as described in Volume 322, page 737 Official Records of Brooks County, Texas.** 

**Motion:** to approve tax sale property bid, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1. **(on file)**

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

**Yes:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.

**No:** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.


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**11. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property Suit NO. 18-08-02278-TAX; Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County and City of Falfurrias vs Bianca Regalado Acct. No. 02900000702300; Lots 23 and 24, Block 7, Addition No.1, an addition to the City of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas, as described in Volume 324, Page 429, Official Records of Brooks County, Texas.** 

**Motion:** to approve tax sale property bid, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Eric Ramos, County Judge. **(on file)**

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

**Yes:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.

**No:** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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**12. Discuss, Consider and Act on opening and awarding Bids a one-year contract on the following.** 

A. Fuel and Lubricant

B. Pest for Pest Control and Termite Inspection

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos opened bids in open Court:

Safety Kleen submitted a bid just for lubricant; Oil Patch submitted a bid just for fuel;

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Commissioner Williams joined the meeting at 2:06 PM.  
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Wesley Bocanegra, out of Corpus submitted a bid for both fuel and lubricants. The Court reviewed the bids and motioned as follows.

**Motion:** to accept the bid from Wesley Bocanegra for fuel, **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.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos opened up a bid from South Texas Pest Control

**Motion:** to approve bid from South Texas Pest Control, **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 = 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.

**Motion:** to accept bid from Wesley Bocanegra for Lubricants, **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 = 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.

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**13. Discuss, Consider and Act on opening and awarding Bids for a 4-year Bank Depository**

**Contract.** 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos opened a bid from First National Bank of Falfurrias,

**Motion:** to accept the bid from First National Bank, **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.

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**14. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$10,000.00 from 013-5-0033-9415 Capital Outlay to 013-5-0033-5826 Road repairs main. & Supplies. (Submitted by David Guerra)**



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


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**15. Discuss, Consider and Act on purchasing 1,512 yards of caliche from L.O Construction for \$19,800.00 to be delivered to the Road & Bridge yard. (Submitted by David Guerra)**



**Motion:** to purchase caliche, **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.

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**16 Discuss, Consider and Act on accepting a contract for the purpose of financing vehicles and equipment for the Road & Bridge. (Submitted by David Guerra)** 

**Motion:** to accept the contract, **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.

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**17. Discuss, Consider and Act on purchasing a new motor grader, backhoe, gooseneck trailer, and 4 new trucks to be paid in yearly payments. (Submitted by David Guerra)** 

**Motion:** to approve the purchase of new motor grader, backhoe, gooseneck trailer, and 4 new trailers, **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 = 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.

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**18. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice #2310 to Tony's Communications in the amount of \$85.00 for repairs to Constable PCT.1 radio.** 

**Motion:** to pay invoice, **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.

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**19. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$800.00 from 012-5-0456-8105 Secretary to 012-5-0456-5000 Office Supplies. (Submitted by Lali Morales)** 

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **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.

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**20. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,500.00 from 012-5-0456-8105 Secretary, to 012-5-0456-8107 Part-Time. (Submitted by Lali Morales)** 


**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.

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**21. Discuss, Consider and Act on Transfer \$5,000 from 012-5-0510-5201 (BLDG**

**Repairs: Annex and others), \$5,000 from 012-5-0512-5450 (Prisoner Medical Expense) and \$10,000 from 012-5-0409-8202 (County Medical Insurance) to 012-5-0409-5451**

**(Autopsy).** 

**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.

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**22. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$3,000 from 012-5-0510-8115**

**(Maint.Supervisor) to 012-5-0409-5417 (Grant Matching)** 

**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.

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**23. Budget Workshop** 

Judge Ramos discussed the following:

- A raise to elected officials which will be discussed at the next budget meeting next week
- Revenues entered from the last meeting
- Reviewed increases to the law enforcement which the house bill passed could cover (\$250,000 which is added to the revenue) which also includes the Jailers
- \$100,000 added to the prosecutor

Judge Ramos discussed increases and decreases for the Road and Bridge Fund and Landfill:

- Road and Bridge Fund
    - Added more funds for the road repairs per precinct.
    - Will be reviewing MOU with the City
    - 2 full time and 2 part time employees
    - Need to add finance agreement for the purchase of the new vehicles approved
  - Landfill Fund
    - Added an increase to the oil and gas, fees, and tire disposal line items.
    - Has some questions on revenues, but will be discussing with Mr. Patroelj
- County Auditor addressed the Court in reference to funds added to the airport. Judge Ramos stated that in talking to Mr. Cosby the airstrip needs to be redone. Judge Ramos stated that the amount list can be lowered. Mr. Patroelj addressed the Sheriff salary and the Tax Collector salary if it's included in the \$75,000 or is it separate. Judge Ramos stated that the salary is separate.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION-** No Executive Session

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

**OPEN SESSION**

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

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**26. Adjourn**


**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 2: 55 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

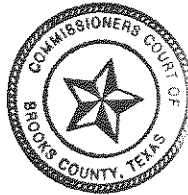
**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

**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.

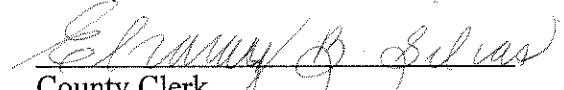
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The preceding minutes beginning on page \_\_\_\_\_ and ending on page \_\_\_\_\_, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume \_\_\_\_\_, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023, A.D.

**APPROVED:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
County Judge



**ATTESTED:**

  
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County Clerk