


**SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**August 29, 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 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,  
Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1,  
Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2,  
Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4.

**Absent:** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3,  
Elvaray B. Silvas, County & District Clerk..

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

**AGENDA**

**1. Public Comments** 


Irma Menchaca publicly thanked Ruben Ramirez, Fire Chief for responding to a call in reference to her neighbor starting a bonfire and talking to him.

**2. Approve of Bills and Claims** 

**Motion:** to approve the bills as presented by the County Auditor, **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.

**3. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving invoice number 3325 for Salmon Electric Company from line item 012-5-0409-9070.** 

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


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

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**4. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$200.00 from 012-5-0409-5417 (Grant Matching) to 012-5-0400-5550 (out-county travel)** 

**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 = 4).


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

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**5. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1500.00 from 012-5-0409-5417 (Grant Matching) to 012-5-0409-5020 (Postage)** 

**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.

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**6. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1500.00 from 012-5-0409-5417 (Grant Matching) to 012-5-0510-5105 (Fuel and Gas)** 

**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 = 4).

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


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**7. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$12,000.00 from 012-5-0641-5457 (County Out-Patience Expense) to 012-5-0409-5500 (Telephone)** 

**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 = 4).

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

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**8. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$5,000.00 from 0130-5-0140-9070 (misc.) to 0130-5-1409-9058 (Contract Labor)** 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos made a correction in the line item to read 0130-5-0140-9068 instead of 0130-5-1406-9058.

**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 = 4).

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

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**9. Budget Workshop** 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that he has a couple of things to address:

- Salary increase for elected officials: is proposing a 1 year stipend or a permanent raise

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At 1:55 PM Commissioner Villarreal joined the meeting.

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- Judge Ramos asked the Court to think about his proposal and will be approved at the regular meeting.
- The other proposal was that on the State monies being received for the Deputies, Sheriff and Jailers is to consider it as a yearly stipend and in the event the County stops receiving monies the positions would no longer receive the stipends.

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**10. Adjourn** 

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 2:03 PM, **Action: B 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 = 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2024, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge



ATTESTED:



County Clerk