


SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
NOVEMBER 14, 2023
9:00 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 9:10 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,
Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.


Absent: Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2,
Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County & District Clerk.

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Public Comments


There were no public comments made.

2. Approve of Bills 

Motion: to approve the bills as presented by the County Auditor, **Action:** Approve, **Moved** by Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded** by Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously. **(on file)**

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

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

3. Discuss, consider and act on approving the Master Service Agreement between VTX Communications, LLC and Brooks County for committed Bandwidth and services. 

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

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

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

4. Discuss, consider and act on giving incentive pay for employees from the Road and Bridge as well as Landfill who have licensure(s) to be paid out in the last pay period of November, 2023.



Motion: to approve incentive pay, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

5. Discuss, consider and act on a budget adjustment of \$32,537 from the fund balance to the appropriate salary line items to increase pay for Luis Reyes, Lamar Villarreal, Vince Lopez and an open slot in the Sheriff's Office plus benefits as per Commissioners Action on Nov. 9, 2023 agenda item number 11 "Discuss, consider and act on raising the salary of three law enforcement officers and a vacant position to minimum salary of \$45,000 as per SB22 (Law Enforcement Grant)."



Motion: to approve a budget adjustment, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously.

Katy Salinas asked if increase is to start on the 22nd and if she is to go back 3 pay periods, Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated yes.

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

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

6. Discuss, consider and act on approving Forensics Lab South Texas, Rey Fernandez MD, PLLC to conduct autopsies for Brooks County.



Motion: to table until contract has been received, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

7. Discuss, consider and act on awarding previously open bids to replace the landfill fence.



It was discussed that Mr. Munoz is now asking for half down.

Motion: to award the bid to Munoz fencing with half down, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously. (on file)

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

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

8. Rescind a motion made during a Special Commissioners Court on October 20, 2023, Agenda item number 5 "Discuss, consider and act on awarding previously awarded bids to repair roads within the city limits."

Motion: to rescind the motion previously made, **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 = 3).

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

9. Discuss, consider and act on awarding previously opened bids for road repairs within the city limits.

Motion: to award bid to CK Newberry, LLC, **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 = 3).

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

Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 AM, **Action:** **Adjourn**, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

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.

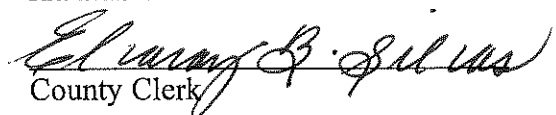
APPROVED:



County Judge



ATTESTED:


County Clerk