


**SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT  
DECEMBER 21, 2023  
4:00 PM  
2nd FLOOR COURTROOM  
BROOKS COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

**OPEN MEETING** -Judge Eric Ramos opened the meeting at 4:03 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.

**Absent:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1,  
Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3,  
Elvaray B. Silvas, County & District Clerk.

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

AGENDA

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**1. Public comments** 

There were no public comments made.

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**2. Approve Bills** 

**Motion:** to approve the bills as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. 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.

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Executive Session- At 4:07 PM the Court went into Executive Session to consult with Attorney over possible legal action. The Court came back at 4:25 PM, Present same as before.

**13. Consult with attorney over possible legal action.**

Nothing was discussed in open Court.


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**3. Discuss, consider, and act on completing the sale of Brooks County property along County Road 222A as per Local Government Code, Title 8, Subtitle C, Chapter 272 Sale or Lease of Property by Municipalities, Counties, and Certain other Local Governments.** 

Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court that this was on hold due to a lawsuit and an injunction filed, but the injunction has been rescinded and suggests the County moves forward in completing the sale. The Court discussed the above matter, and it was stated that there was only one bid received (bid received from the Villarreal side in the amount of \$500.00)

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

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4. **Discuss, consider, and act on removing posts placed on the Brooks County easement along County Road 234.** 

**Motion:** to remove the post, **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.

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5. **Discuss, consider, and act on removing a gate used to close off County Road 234.** 

It was discussed that the Court will ask for the gate to be removed, if not removed within a limited time the County will remove it.

**Motion:** to remove the gate, **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.

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6. **Discuss, consider, and act on rebidding the roof at the Blumer Building.** 

Bill Wilson, Architect informed the Court that the bids submitted were a little too high and suggests rebidding locally. **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.


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7. **Discuss, consider, and act on a Vehicle Lease Agreement with Commercial Vehicle Leasing, L.L.C., d/b/a D&M Leasing.** 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that this contract will be used once numbers have been figured out and so the process can be started for the purchase of a Tahoe for the County (training or business-related trips), a vehicle for Traffic Control and a tractor to be used by the fire department and others if needed.

**Motion:** to approve lease agreement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. 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.

8. **Discuss, consider, and act on transferring \$6,000 from 012-5-0409-5400 (Professional fees – Legal) to 012-5-0560-8104 (Deputies)** 

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, **Seconded by** Eric Ramos, County Judge. 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 transferring \$500 from 012-5-0409-5400 (Professional fees – Legal) to 012-5-0644-5105 (OPC/911/EMS Oil and Gas) (New Account)** 

**Motion:** to approve line item transfers 9-12, **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.

10. **Discuss, consider, and act on transferring \$250 from 012-5-0409-5400 (Professional fees – Legal) to 012-5-0455-5105 (JP 1 Oil and Gas) (New Account)**

In conjunction with line item #9

11. **Discuss, consider, and act on transferring \$250 from 012-5-0409-5400 (Professional fees – Legal) to 012-5-0456-5105 (JP 2 Oil and Gas) (New Account)**

In conjunction with line item #9

12. **Discuss, consider, and act on transferring \$1,000 from 012-5-0409-5400 (Professional fees – Legal) to 012-5-0630-5105 (LEPC Oil and Gas) (New Account)**

In conjunction with line item #9

**Adjourn** 

Debra Garcia, Assistant Auditor asked the Court for clarification on the two bills for the Courthouse. Honorable Judge Eric Ramos mentioned one for the trees was from Joel Salinas in the amount of \$6,000.00 and the other for exterior of the Courthouse from Armand Boucher in the amount of \$8,500.00. Mrs. Garcia also needed clarification on the cleaning up of the CACOST building due to the County still owning it and it caught fire and no bids were made for the work done. Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that there was a claim made and the County was paid out around \$55,000 which was used towards the cleaning (F& D Flooring) and have done the first round


of cleaning. Judge Ramos stated that the claim paid most of the invoice of \$69,287.00 and the rest is to be paid out of the ARPA funds(\$13,000.00).

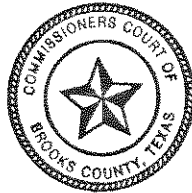
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**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. Motion passed unanimously.

**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.

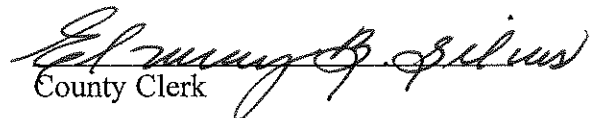
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The preceding minutes beginning on page \_\_\_\_\_ and ending on page \_\_\_\_\_, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume \_\_\_\_\_, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2024, A.D.

**APPROVED:**

  
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County Judge



**ATTESTED:**

  
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County Clerk