SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT Friday, January 20, 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 3:07 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, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Elvaray B. Silvas, County & District Clerk (Not voting).

AGENDA

1. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

2. Approve of Bills and Claims

Motion: to approve the bills and claims 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 = 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.

3. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$15,000.00 from line item 012-5-0512-8105 jailers to line item 012-5-0512-8129 Overtime. (Submitted by Sheriff's Office)

Jorge Esparza, Commander addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve line item transfer, Action: Approve, Moved by Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Seconded by Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. 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.

4. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a contract with landowner Fidencio Perez</u> <u>Jr. (Submitted by Sheriff's Office)</u>

Urbino "Benny" Martinez, Sheriff and Ruben Ramirez, EMC/Fire Chief addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve contract (\$10,000 a year for a term of 50 years), 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 = 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.

5. Discuss, Consider and Act on revised salaries for the County/District Clerks.

Motion: to give a stipend of \$2,500 to the two that haven't been negotiated, Action: Approve, Moved by Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Seconded by Eric Ramos, County Judge.

Vote: Motion failed (summary: Yes = 2, No = 3, Abstain = 0).

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

No: Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

6. Discuss status of Ed Rachal Memorial Library Roof.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that we are still waiting for Tremco to turn in reports(studies); Commissioner William questioned on the status for Jesse's Roofing. Judge Ramos stated that 2 letters have been submitted to the DA's office and nothing has changed from the last time. Information only, no action made.

7. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on contract with Erasmo Munoz Fencing Company to replace a portion of the fence at the Brooks County Landfill.</u>

Motion: to approve contract with Erasmo Munoz Fencing Company, Action: Approve, Moved by Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, 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.

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the proposed modified expenditures of the 2022-20223 ARPA Funds

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court on the above matter with modified expenditures as attached. (on file)

Motion: to approve proposed expenditures, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eric Ramos, County Judge, **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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- At 3:38 PM the Court went into Executive Session.

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

OPEN SESSION- At 3:47 PM the Court came back into Open Session; Present same as before. Nothing was discussed.

10. Discuss, consider, and act on Employment/Resignations/Retirements and other Personnel. Issues.

11. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 3:48 PM, Action: Adjourn, 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.

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 _334_ day of ______, 2024, A.D.

APPROVED:

County Judge

ATTESTED:

County Clerk / Bolus