

REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT
March 9, 2023
3:00 P.M.
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 3:08 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,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk (Not voting).

Absent: Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

1. Public Comments 

Anna M Garcia, Elections Administrator/911 Addressing addressed the Court in reference to an inspection done and has passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION The Court went into Executive Session to discuss line items #8 and #9, for personnel reasons at 3:14 PM

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

OPEN SESSION Back in open session at 3:56 PM, present same as before

20. Discuss, Consider, and Act on Employment/Resignations/Retirements.
Nothing discussed, discussion only.

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on deemed necessary in reference to an inventory audit completed for the County excluding the Road & Bridge Department.


(Submitted by August Patroelj) 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that this item was discussed in Executive Session and that an investigation is being done on one item that is missing, and that there are several items that are missing and suggests deleting them and if found to put them back on the list.

Motion: to delete the items, **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 = 4).

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

9. Discuss, Consider and Act on deemed necessary in reference to a complete audit on the Brooks County Attorney Trust Account. (Submitted by August Patroelj) 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that it was deemed necessary that an official investigation be done by law enforcement, the reason for the Executive Session and will be kept from the public for this purpose.

Motion: to accept the findings, **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.

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

Motion: to approve minutes as presented, **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 = 4).

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

3. Approve of Bills and Claims 


Motion: to approve the bills and claims, **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, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

4. Approve Monthly Reports 

- a. Treasurer's Monthly Report
- b. Auditor's Monthly Report
- c. Tax Assessor Collector Chief Deputy Monthly Report


11. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a Resolution for the 79th Judicial District Drug/Alcohol Court Diversion Program. (Submitted by Albert Ramirez) 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court.

Motion: to approve resolution, **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 = 4).

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


12. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving payment to Exxon for missing fuel receipt of \$46.77. (Submitted by Sheriff's Office) 

Motion: to approve payment, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1.

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

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4.


No: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

13. Discuss, Consider and Act on purchasing 1,000 tons of caliche at \$7.50 a ton totaling \$7,500.00 from Kingsville Materials. (Submitted by David Guerra) 

Motion: to approve purchase, **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.

14. Discuss, Consider and Act on wording of bidding advertisement for the Ed Rachal Memorial Library Roof. 

Motion: to approve the wording for bid advertisement, **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 = 4).

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


15. Discuss demolition of structure at the Alaniz Fairgrounds. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos informed the court that due to the process of the DPS having a deadline of March 15th; need to start doing the work. Got two local bids for demolition

(awarded to Larry Molina \$34,000) and one for moving and the remodeling (awarded to Quinten Lee \$12,000), both were under \$50,000 so didn't do any advertisement.

16. Discuss the status of the Blumer and Penly/Wilder Buildings 


Honorable Judge Eric Ramos informed the Court that he has a meeting with a structural engineer on the 15th to come and look at the Blumer building, to inform us of the status of the building. Judge Ramos informed the Court that the City wants to buy the Penly and Wilder building.

17. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$50,000 from 012-5-0409-9499 (Ogan Contract) to 012-5-0409-9500 (technology) 

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.

18. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$10,000 from 012-5-0510-8115 (Maint. Supervisor) to 012-5-0510-5830 AC System Maintenance 

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.

21. Adjourn 


Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 4:33 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 = 4).

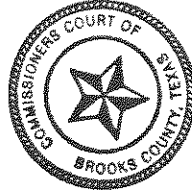
Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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 23rd day of February, 2024, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge



ATTESTED:



County Clerk