


SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
Thursday, April 27, 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 3:15 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 Clerk (Not voting).

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Public Comments 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos asked for any public comments for items that are not on the agenda:

Lisa Torres addressed the Court in reference to the grant program that will be repairing 5 county roads and requesting information on which ones they were.

Ruby Allen, Landfill Supervisor addressed the Court in reference to the backhoe breaking down and has no dozer and is needing to purchase a new one. Ms. Allen stated that only dozer the County has is the one at the Road and Bridge, Ms. Allen thanks Mr. Guerra for the usage of their dozer. Is asking the Court for another dozer to do the work that is needed at the landfill to be in compliance with the State. Also, in reference to the trash truck, is still renting out and just waiting on a final price.

2. Approve of Bills and Claims 

Motion: to approve the bills and claims as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1. 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 opening and accepting bids for the Ed Rachal Library.** 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that we have only received one bid from Zambrano Roofing in the amount of \$85,575.00 for just labor. It was discussed that Judge Ramos would call and get clarification on the bid amount.

Motion: to table, **Action:** Table, **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 = 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. **Discuss, Consider and Act on changing the Brooks County Commissioners Court time from 3:00 PM to 1:30 PM.** 

Motion: to change the regular meeting time from 3:00 PM to 1:30 PM, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, **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.


5. **Discuss, Consider and Act on a contract with McKinstry on the Emergency Generators installation using TIPS Co-op purchasing agreement #21020301, contingent upon award of Grant funding approval.** 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that we are at the final steps for approval by the State. Mr. Moreno with McKinstry addressed the Court stating that the County did make the first cut on the generator grants. Mr. Moreno is asking the Court for approval on their contract so that they can continue working on this grant.

Motion: to approve contract with McKinstry, **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 = 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.

6. **Discuss, Consider and Act on approving and updated Resolution authorizing County representatives in matters pertaining to the County's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.** 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court. It was discussed to the change the County Treasurer to the County Auditor's office. **Motion:** to approve the resolution, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. 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.

7. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a Resolution on the Community Facilities Grant Program pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Community Facilities, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court. **Motion:** to approve resolution, **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.

8. Discuss, Consider, and Act on selection of Brooks County Engineering Services for Application Preparation and Grant Contract Implementation Services. 

The Court passed this to ask David T. Garcia on the reading of the agenda item, since the Court would be opening bids.

10. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying Falfurrias Publishing invoice #00045560 & #00045582 totaling \$320.00 for the publishing of the library roofing bids. 

Motion: to pay invoice, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. 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.

11. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$10,000.00 from 101-5-0053-5812 Repairs & Maintenance Yard; to 101-5-0053-9070 Miscellaneous. (Submitted by Ruby Allen) 

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

12. Discuss, Consider, and Act on transferring \$13,500.00 from 012-5-0409-5400 Pro-legal fees to 012-5-0409-5410 Prof. Fees Acct. & Auditing> 

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

13. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$7,500.00 from 012-5-0512-5800 Bldg Repairs, to 012-5-0560-5105 Oil & Gas. 


Motion: to approve line item transfers for agenda items 13 and 14, **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 = 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.

14. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$22,500.00 from 012-5-0512-8105 Jailer, to 012-5-0560-5105 Oil & Gas.


Line item was in conjunction with line item #13.

15. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice of \$15,500.00 to Moon Rock Construction for the moving of the DPS trailers, moving of electricity poles & and restore unitality services. 

Motion: to pay invoice, **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 = 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.

16. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1.500 from 012-5-0510-5508 Blumer/Hosp/Annex; to 012-5-0510-5105 Gas & Oil 

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 = 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.

17. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$2,500.00 from 012-5-0510-9068 Contract Labor to 012-5-0150-5120 Janitorial Supplies. 

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 = 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.

Motion: to move forward on the opening of bids for line items 8 and 9, **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.


8. Discuss, Consider, and Act on selection of Brooks County Engineering Services for Application Preparation and Grant Contract Implementation Services. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos opened the only bid submitted for engineering services which was from Tri Mat.

Motion: to approve TRIMAD Consultants, L.L.C. for Engineering Services, **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 = 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.

9. Discuss, Consider, and Act on selection of Brooks County Administration Professional Services for Application Preparation and Grant Contract Implementation Service. 

Motion: to award Administration Professional Service to Resources Mobility Associates Inc. (RMA) for all 3 grants, **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 = 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.

18. Adjourn. 

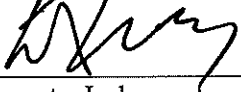
Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 pm, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

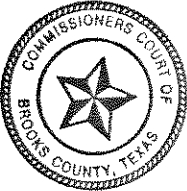
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The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 10th day of August, 2023, A.D.

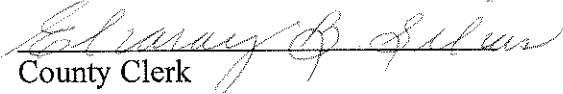
APPROVED:



County Judge



ATTESTED:



County Clerk