


**SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**August 3, 2021**  
**3:30 PM**  
**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 3:37 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.

**Absent:** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3,  
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk.


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


**AGENDA**

1. **Public Comment** 

There were no comments at this time.

**ACTION ITEMS**

2. **Approve of Bills and Claims**   
Passed to the end of the meeting.

3. **Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,000.00 from 012-5-0512-5131 Prisoner Board,  
To 012-5-0512-5135 Other Supplies (Submitted by Jorge Esparza)** 

**Motion:** to table line-item transfer and look for funds to be taken from somewhere else,  
**Action:** Table, **Moved** by Eric Ramos, County Judge, **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, Ernesto  
"Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

**4. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a Mutual Operating Agreement between the Falfurrias Police Department and Brooks County Sheriff's Office.**

**(Submitted by Jorge Esparza)** 

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The Court took a quick recess at 3:44 PM  
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Back into open session at 3:50 PM; Present same as before: Commissioner Villarreal joined the meeting at 3:50 PM

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Commander Jorge Esparza addressed the Court on the above matter. Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read interlocal agreement in open Court. Investigator Gomez also addressed the Court on the above matter.

**Motion:** to approve Interlocal Agency Agreement with the Falfurrias Police Department, **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.

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**5. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$440.00 from 012-5-0630.9070 (Misc) to 012-5-0630- 8107 Part-Time** 

**Motion:** to approve line item, **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 = 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.

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**6. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving payment for lost Valero gas card.** 

1. \$32.75 7/09/21
2. \$68.58 6/28/21
3. \$39.93 6/20/21

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **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.

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The Court went back to discuss line item#2 

The Court discussed two bills one for the mold remediation and the other for the testing of the mold.

**Motion:** to approve of the bills as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **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.

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## 7. Budget Workshop

### A. ARPA. 2021

### B. 2021-2022 Budget

The Court discussed line-item A first; the City has not received their funds and had a bad experience in asking for projects previously discussed and didn't agree (generators, Jaws of Life; radios for EMS)

Judge Ramos reviewed some quotes: 1 for the purchase of radios for EMS and 2 radios for Southern Brooks; Jaws of Life; mower and is asking the Court to approve these purchases. to include additional radio purchase for Southern Brooks.

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## 8. Discuss, Consider and Act on American rescue Plan expenditures.

**Motion:** to approve all purchases of radios, mower and jaws of life, **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.

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The Court went on to discuss B in line item #7; the Court along with Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector, reviewed last year's tax rate and the possibility of a small increase to the I&S with a decrease of 1 cent to the M&O.  With an estimated tax rate of .960678 ; comparing last year's tax levy and this year's tax levy would give us a decrease of \$96,761.00; it was discussed by County Auditor to decrease from the FM and R&B to be the same as last year and giving the decrease to the M&O, should alleviate the increase to taxes.

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## 9. Adjourn

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting, **Action:** Adjourn, **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.

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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 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021, A.D.

**APPROVED:**



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County Judge

**ATTESTED:**



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County Clerk