

REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT
July 13, 2021
10:00 A.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 10:17 AM

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 County Clerk

AGENDA

1. Public Comments 

No comments were said at this time.

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

Item was passed by the Court.

3. Approve of Bills and Claims 

Motion: to approve the bills and claims 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 = 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. Approve Monthly Reports

A. Treasurer's Monthly Report

- B. Auditor's Monthly Report
- C. Tax Assessor Collector Chief Deputy Monthly Report
- D. Approve Monthly Reports by Brooks County
 - i. (Submitted by County Foreman)
 - ii. (Submitted by Brooks County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1-4)
 - iii. (Submitted by Brooks County Library Supervisor)
 - iv. (Submitted by Ruby Allen, Landfill Supervisor)

Alan Hernandez, County Treasurer presented his monthly report for the month of June 2021; no Auditor report (discussed that revenues are still a little low, but nothing to worry about at this point); Teresa A Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented her monthly report for the month of June 2021. **(on file)**

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

5. Agrilife Extension reports (reports for information only)

Informational purposes only.

6. Discuss, Consider and Act on Las Cuatas Ranchettes 162.55 Acres partition plat/survey.

(Submitted by Victor Daniec) 

Victor Daniec addressed the Court on the above matter with a quick presentation on the construction of the partition plat/survey. The Court expressed their concerns (fire hydrants, rifle shooting, road repairs) Mr. Daniec stated that he would install additional fire hydrants, would place rifle restrictions and roads are to be the subdivisions responsibility.

Motion: to approve the partition plat/survey, **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.

6. Discussion of 2020 redistricting plan as per the 2020 U.S. Census. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court on the above matter that the Attorney hired for the redistricting has asked for permission to begin the process. Discussion only no action taken.

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the purchase of a skid steer for Road & Bridge.

(Submitted By David Guerra) 


Judge Ramos addressed the Court stating that there are two bids for the purchase of a skid steer. David Guerra Road and Bridge Foreman addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve purchase of a JCB skid steer from BOSS and to talk with them if they can wait till October for payment, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 4, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct 4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3.

No: Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2.


9. Discuss, Consider and Act on purchasing a Kubota Z781KWi-54 zero turn in the amount of \$9,536.08. (Submitted by David Guerra) 

David Guerra Road and Bridge Foreman addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to purchase a Kubota zero turn, **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.

10. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$10,000.00 from 013-5-0033-5800 (Repairs & Maintenance- warehouse) to 013-5-0033-9500 (Capital outlay Machinery & Equipment). 

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.

11. Discuss, Consider and Act on purchasing 1,008 yards of Caliche from L.O. Construction.
(Submitted by David Guerra) 


David Guerra Road and Bridge Foreman addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to purchase caliche, **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 = 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 \$500.00 from line item 012-5-0550-5105 gas & Oil, to line item 012-5-0550-5820 vehicle Repair and Maintenance.

(Submitted by Constable Ramiro Gonzalez) 

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.

13. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$9,000.00 from line item 012-5-0435-5484 Court Appt Attorneys- Criminal, to 012-5-0435-5481 Court Appt. Attorneys- Civil.

(Submitted By 79th District Court) 

Motion: to approve line-item transfer, **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 = 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 \$1,000.00 from 012-5-0409-5020 to 012-5-0409-5400 Prof. Fees. 

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

15. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,500.00 from 012-5-0409-9000 Official Bonds; to 012-5-0409-5400 Professional Fees- Legal. 

Motion: to approve line item transfers, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3, **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 \$1,800.00 From 012-5-0512-5450 Prisoner Med. Exp. To 012-5-0430-5484 Crt. Appt. Attorneys- Criminal 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **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.

17. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$500.00 from 012-5-0512-5420 Prisoner Med.

Exp. To 012-5-0409-5905 CONTRIBUTIONS - OTHER 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct 2, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. 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.

18. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$3,400.00 from 012-5-0512-5800 Repairs &


Maint. Buildings to 012-5-0409-5451 Autopsy. 

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.


19. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$5,400.00 from 012-5-0512-8105 Janitors to 012-

5- 0409-5410 

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.

20. Discussion of 2019 Bond 

The Court discussed the above matter in open Court in reference to 1.9-million-dollar bond. No action taken discussion only.

21. Discuss, Consider and Act on American Rescue plan 2021 expenditures. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court on the above matter stating that this is just a proposal and would come back for approval.

Motion: to approve the premium pay proposal, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3, **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.

22. Discuss, Consider and Act on 2021-2022 Budget Calendar 

Motion: to approve the 2021-2022 Budget Calendar, **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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- the Court went into Executive Session at 11:55 AM

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

OPEN SESSION- The Court came back into open session at 12:06 PM, present same as before

24. Discuss, consider and act on Employment/Resignations/Retirements.

No action was taken, discussion only.

25. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn at 12:07 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Eric Ramos, County Judge. 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.

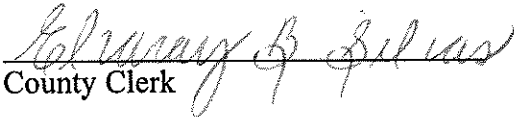
The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 13th day of August, 2021, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:



County Clerk