

REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT

April 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 called the meeting to order at 10:10 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, Through ZOOM
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 County Clerk

AGENDA

1. Public Comments

Lesvia Gonzalez, District Clerk addressed the Court in reference to the cleaning of her office and when it will take place. Ms. Gonzalez stated that she did call two of the companies who did work previously on to the mold issue and that they stated that there were no upcoming appointments to come and clean.

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

Item passed by the Court.

3. 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 = 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
- 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, Angelica Regalado)
 - iv. (Submitted by Ruby Allen, Landfill Supervisor)

No Treasurers report at this time; August Patroelj, County Auditor presented to the Court his monthly report for the Month of February 2021;

Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3 joined the meeting at 10:19 AM

Teresa A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented her report for the month of March 2021;


Motion: to approve the monthly reports as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **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.

5. Agrilife Extension reports (reports for information only) 

Informational purposed only, no action taken. Judge Ramos congratulate them and BCFA on the way stock show was handled.

6. Discuss, Consider and Act on request from Loma Blanca Soil & Water Conservation District #328 to Proclaim April 25, 2021 to May 2, 2021 as Soil & Water Stewardship Week. (Submitted by Sherry Garcia District Clerk Loma Blanca SWCD #328) 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read proclamation in open Court.

Motion: to approve the proclamation, Proclaiming April 25, 2021 to May 2, 2021 as Soil & Water Stewardship Week **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **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 request from Brush County CASA to Proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. (Submitted by Nicole Ortegon- Outreach Director)


Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read the proclamation in open Court. **Motion:** to approve proclamation, proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, **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.

Nicole Ortegon, Outreach Director addressed the Court thanking them for accepting the proclamation and presented a brief explanation on the services that they provide.

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on accepting the Master Agreement for Mutual Aid Coastal Bend Council of Governments. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read a resolution in open Court; **Motion:** to approve the Master Agreement for mutual aid, **Action:** Approve, **Moved** by Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded** by Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3. 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, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3.

At 10:38 AM we lost Commissioner Gutierrez.

9. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a Land Lease Agreement between Brooks County Independent School District, City of Falfurrias, County of Falfurrias and United Migrant Opportunity Services, Inc. (Submitted by County Judge Eric Ramos)

Motion: to approve Land Lease Agreement, **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, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3.

10. Discuss, Consider and Act on Approving payment for 3 missing gas receipts 

A. Valero gas receipt \$38.27 purchase on 3/14/21

B. Valero gas receipt for \$23.80 on 2/26/21

C. Exxon mobile gas receipt for \$12.69 on 2/26/21

Motion: to approve payment, **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, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3.

11. Discuss, Consider and Act on renewal of Texas Pollution Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Storm water permit at the Brooks County Airport 


Alonso Cantu, AARP addressed the Court on the above matter, with a quick explanation on the agenda item. **Motion:** to renew the permit with AARP, **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 passed (**summary:** Yes = 3, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

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

No: Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3.


12. Discuss, Consider and Act on a means for continuing the garbage services for residents in the unincorporated parts (rural routes) of Brooks County. 

Ruby Allen, Landfill Supervisor addressed the Court in reference to the trash truck which is still under review and still don't have a quote on repairs; a brief presentation on the pros and cons due to the trash truck not working and the possibility of renting a trash truck. Ms. Allen went on to discuss the possibility of not providing services or going out to private company; Judge Ramos, Commissioner Williams, and August Patroelj, County Auditor also addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to lease a trash truck, **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, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3.

13. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring transfer \$1000 from 012-5-0409-5400 (Prof Services - Legal) and \$2500 from 012-5-0510-5830 (A/C System Maint.) to 012-5-0456-8107 

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

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 3, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

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

No: Eric Ramos, County Judge.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Item was passed by the Court.

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

OPEN SESSION

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

16. Adjourn

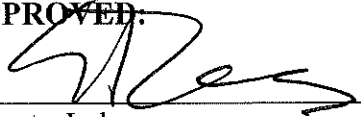
Motion: to adjourn at 11:03 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. Motion passed unanimously.

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, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct 3.

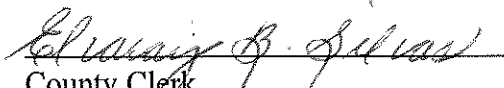
The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 14th day of May, 2021, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:



County Clerk