


**SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**September 7, 2021**  
**3:30 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 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 

**ROLL CALL**-Judge Eric Ramos called for roll call:

**Present:** Eric Ramos, County Judge,  
Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2,  
Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3,  
Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4.  
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk. (Not voting) (Present through ZOOM).

**Absent:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1,

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**- was led by Judge Eric Ramos

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

**AGENDA**

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**1. Public Comments** 

There were no public comments said at this time.  
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**2. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,000.00 from line item 012-5-0562-8136**

**Dispatchers to line item 012-5-0562-8129 Overtime. (Submitted by Jorge Esparza)** 

**Motion:** to approve line-item transfer, **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 = 4).


**Yes:** 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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**3. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$3,000.00 from line item 012-5-0512-8105 Jailers to line item 012-5-0512-8129 Overtime. (Submitted by Jorge Esparza)** 

**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 = 4).


**Yes:** 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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**4. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,000.00 from 012-5-0409-9500 Technology to 012-5-0409-5505 Internet Expense.** 

**Motion:** to approve line-item transfer, **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 = 4).


**Yes:** 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 \$1,000.00 from 012-5-0409-5020 Postage; to 012-5-0409-5400 Professional Fees.** 

**Motion:** to approve line-item transfer, **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 = 4).

**Yes:** 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 transferring \$4,000.00 from 012-5-0409-5020 Postage, to 012-5-0560-5105 Oil & Gas** 

**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 = 4).

**Yes:** 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. Discuss, Consider and Act on adding Military Leave to policy manual handbook, page 61A.** 

**Motion:** to add Military Leave to policy manual handbook, **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 = 4).

**Yes:** 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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**8. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving ARPA. 2021 Expenditures**

Item was passed due to Judge Ramos not having the numbers for the portable building.

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**9. Discuss, Consider and Act on combining the District and County Clerk's Office as per Texas Government Code Chapter 51 subchapter F.** 

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At 3:48 PM Commissioner Garza joined the meeting  
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The Court discussed the above matter; Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read the law pertaining to this item. Commissioners Williams passed out a handout and expressed his opinion on the combining of the offices. Commissioner Williams stated that there would be a savings, in going to three employees with no increase to the combined Clerks salary; Commissioners Villarreal and Gutierrez both gave their opinion on the combining of offices; Lesvia Gonzalez, District Clerk addressed the Court and expressed her opinion on the combining of the offices. August Patroelj, County Auditor addressed the Court as well in reference to the above matter.


**Motion:** one elected official and three appointed and to discuss the salary of the clerk during that budget, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.

There was a discussion on the motion made by Commissioner Williams in reference to how it was made. After further discussion on the motion, the motion was remade, and the motion put to vote is the following:

**Motion:** to combine the offices, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

**Yes:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

**No:** Eric Ramos, County Judge.

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**10. Discuss 2021-2022 Budget** 

The Court discussed the following:

- Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed a handout in reference to the Landfill Fund; it was discussed that funds given by the General Fund and any extra to be put into a savings and to utilize the same funds given to the landfill as last year;
- It was discussed that 6 positions would need to be cut; some of the positions are currently not filled and that if one of the positions is not deducted, then would have to tell 2 people that they no longer have a job;
- Discussed monies in 0409 for insurance (covers all insurance); clarity in the amount needed to cover insurance of \$610,000 if the money requested is used for cushion or if its needed; County Auditor stated that the amount listed was the amount used in the last 2 years previous budget and has been left the same and have had an excess of money;
- Discussed Fund 13 – will be increasing the line item for road improvements to each precinct, possible increase salary for Rosendo who will be taking care of the maintenance Fleet; to purchase a skid steer from the bonds money;

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION -Item was passed by the Court**

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

**OPEN SESSION -Item was passed by the Court**

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

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**13. Adjourn**

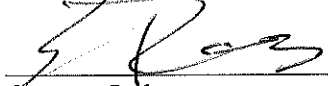
**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. Motion passed unanimously.

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


**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 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021, A.D.

**APPROVED:**

  
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County Judge

**ATTESTED:**

  
County Clerk