


REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT
December 15, 2022
3:00 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 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 3:08 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 were not on the agenda: None were addressed.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos asked for any public comments for items on the agenda:

Mr. Canales, South Texas Human Rights Center addressed the Court in reference to a controversial subject on immigration being an issue all over the County but being that we have a major checkpoint near us we have a broken system. Being that we have a centralized center that deals with humanitarian services that has been provided for the past 10 years and the funding from the state has been stopped and will be looking for funding to continue funding the center.

DPS Sergeant James Braswell addressed the Court on the above matter in reference to the old weight station buildings and asked that they be moved soon.

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

None, item passed by the Court.

3. Approve of Bills and Claims 

Commissioner William had a concern on a bill from Nueces Autopsies. Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the concern and continued reviewing bills.

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 = 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)

Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented her monthly reports for the month of November 2022.

Motion: to approve the monthly reports as presented, **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.

5. Agrilife Extension Reports 

6. Discuss, Consider and Act on adding December 26, 2022, to the Christmas Holiday schedule. 


Motion: to add December 26, 2022 as a Christmas Holiday, **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.

7. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property, Suit No. 11-05-01914-TX. Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County and City of Falfurrias vs. J L Barth Co. ACCT. NO 01000002100100; Lot 21, La Colonia Mexicana Addition, an addition to the City of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas according to map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 45, Page 50, Deed Records of Brooks County, Texas Save & Except however, that certain 0.120 acre tract described in Volume 328, Page 1, Official Records of Brooks County, Texas .


Item was passed by the Court.

8. Discuss, Consider and Act approving a Project Management Agreement between Nueces River Authority and Brooks County. 

Motion: to approve the Project Management agreement between Nueces River Authority and Brooks County, **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.

9. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a 12-month contract with Lone Star Strategy Group LLC. 


Marissa Utley-Trevino, Lone Star Strategy Group LLC addressed the Court on the above matter with a status update on the Generator Grant that has been submitted to headquarters for both generators. Mrs. Utley-Trevino addressed the Court in reference to 25 new grants that are coming up through the COG with no administrative fees and is willing to work on them for the County.

Motion: to approve a 12-month contract with Lone Star Strategy Group LLC, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Eric Ramos, County Judge.

Vote: Motion failed (**summary:** Yes = 2, No = 3, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.

No: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

10. Discuss, Consider and Act on an Ordinance prohibiting heavy large truck from traveling on County Road 401 (Submitted by Commissioner Ernest Williams) 


Commissioner Williams addressed the Court suggesting that a weight limit be added to this County Road of 30,000 pounds and that signs be posted on both entrances of the County Road of no heavy trucks allowed.

Motion: to work on an ordinance that prohibits no through traffic and to place a weight limit of 30,000 pounds on CR 401, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously.

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.

11. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying Lopez- William VRW Post 7634 \$500.00 for the use of the hall for General Election 11/8/2022. (Submitted by Anna Garcia) 

Motion: to approve payment of 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.

12. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice # 090655 to HART for Services Performed on 10/19/2022 in the amount of \$2,060.00. (Submitted by Anna Garcia) 

Motion: to pay invoice, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

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13. Discuss, Consider and Act on a Services Operations Contract between Recovery Monitoring Solutions Corporation DBA Recovery Healthcare Corporation and Brooks County Sheriff's Department. (Submitted by Sheriff's Office) 

Motion: to approve the service operations contract, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously. (**on file**)

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

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14. Discuss, Consider, Act on paying invoice #30819 & Invoice #30820 to Nueces Elevator Company for the annual elevation inspection in the amount of \$448.00 (Submitted by the Auditors Office) 

Motion: to pay invoices, **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).

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15. Discuss, Consider and Act on opening sealed bids for the fence repairs at the Landfill. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos opened the sealed bid in open Court; received only one bid in the amount of \$7,874.00 from Erasmo Munoz Fencing.

16. Discuss, Consider and Act on awarding bid for the fence repairs at the Landfill. 

Motion: to award the bid to Munoz Fencing, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously. (**on file**)

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

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EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Court went into Executive Session at 4:04 PM

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

OPEN SESSION- The Court came back into Open session at 4:27 PM; present same as before.

18. Discuss, Consider, and Act on Employment/Resignations/Retirements.
No decision was made, discussion only.

The Court went back to discuss line items 15 & 16, to amend the motion made on line item #16 to include item #15.

Motion: to open the bid and to award the bid to Munoz Fencing, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously. **(on file)**

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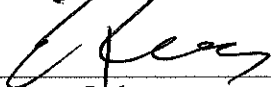
19. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. Motion passed unanimously.

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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 9th day of March, 2023, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge



ATTESTED:



County Clerk