


**SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**March 7, 2022**  
**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 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 10:23 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,  
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk (Not voting).

**Absent:** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4.


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

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**AGENDA**

1. **Public Comments** 
  - a. Comments on issues not on the agenda.
    - a. There were no comments.
  - b. Comments on agenda items below.
    - a. There were no comments.

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3. **Discuss, Consider and Act on modifying the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Priority List.** 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court on the above matter stating that the County has received \$290,000. Judge Ramos stated that Precinct 3 roads were removed from the list due to the cost and that the County has taken the priority in fixing them with county funds. The issue being with the possible cost of repairing/fixing these roads. The Court discussed on which material they wanted to proceed in fixing the roads. David Guerra, Road and Bridge Foreman stated that he will be meeting with a gentleman, to discuss which route to go and to table until then. Marissa Cañas and Savannah Batson from eGrants addressed the court with a quick presentation on the issue.

**Motion:** to table until Thursday, **Action:** Table, **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:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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**2. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$119,000 from 012-5-0409-8202 (County Medical Insurance) to 012-5-0409-9070 (Misc.)** 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court on the above matter. Stating that this was for a Grant at the Airport (replacing of the weather station) that was granted a year ago which has been completed. Judge Ramos has spoken with the Auditor, and this is best route to pay for this grant. This grant is a pay first and reimburse later, once paid will be reimbursed within 60 days.

**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.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

**Yes:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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**4. Discuss, Consider and Act on granting permission to go out for bids for the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Priority List.**

**Motion:** to table, **Action:** Table, **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 = 4).


**Yes:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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**5. Discuss the procedure of securing Road & Bridge work within a Precinct.**

**Motion:** to table, **Action:** Table, **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 = 4).

**Yes:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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**6. Discuss, Consider and act on transferring \$8500 from 012-5-0500-9040 (Election Expense) to 012-5-0500-8107 (Part-Time: NEW ACCOUNT).** 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that is has come to his attention that the way we had been paying our elections workers is illegal and we need to correct this. Anna M. Garcia, Elections Administrator also addressed the Court on the moving of monies for 3 more elections the county is responsible for.

**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:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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**7. Discuss, Consider and Act on Transferring \$560 from 012-5-0500-9040 (Election Expense) to 012-5-0500-8129 (Overtime: NEW ACCOUNT).**

**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.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

**Yes:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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**8. Discuss, Consider and Act on the employment status of Election Administration Clerk.** 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court on changing clerk from contract to part timer or a full timer. Anna Garza, Elections Administrator is asking for 14,000.00 to cover for 6 months.

**Motion:** to table and see where funding will come from, **Action:** Table, **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:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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**ADDENDUM**

As per the Texas Government Code Section 551.045 an emergency supplemental agenda item may be added, at least, on hour before a previously posted agenda as long as the emergency is clearly stated.

**1. Discuss, Consider and Act on waiving all Brooks County Landfill fees for citizens impacted by the Miller Fire on March 4, 2022.** 

Benny Ramirez, EMC/Fire Chief addressed the Court on the above matter. **Motion:** to waive fees until April 6th, **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 = 4).

**Yes:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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**2. Discuss, consider and act on allowing the Road and Bridge Department to clear property affected by the Miller Fire on March 4, 2022.** 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that the Road and Bridge funds cannot be used for private properties. The Court discussed different examples on how to help the property owners clean up their properties. Ruben Ramirez stated that since this fire was declared a local disaster, the County might be able to help clear private property. Discussion only, no action taken.

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

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

**OPEN SESSION**

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

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**11. Adjourn.**

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

**Yes:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, 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 April, 2022, A.D.

**APPROVED:**

  
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County Judge

**ATTESTED:**

  
County Clerk