

**SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**Tuesday, February 22, 2022**  
**3:30 PM**  
**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 3:35 PM

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

**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.

**Absent:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1,  
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk.

**AGENDA**

**1. Public Comments** 


Mr. Briones addressed the Court with some updates on the two grants he applied for; Mr. Briones stated that on the drainage project the Court was approved for 4 million dollars; USDA housing has also been approved and contract is to be received in the next couple of weeks.

**At 3:37 PM Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk joined the meeting.**

Commissioner Villarreal thanked everyone for their prayers for his mother this past week and is home resting. Commissioner Villarreal also informed the court that he had missed the last two meetings, due to him testing positive and asks everyone to get tested even if its slight symptoms.

**2. Open to the public with limits as indicated above**

Item was passed.


**3. Discuss, Consider and Act Consider and approve authorize publication of Request for Proposals for Professional Administration/Management Services for the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) 2022-2023 TxCDBG Community Development (CD) and other TDA Funding Opportunities.** 

Mr. Briones addressed the Court on the above matter in reference to the RFP process and that the County hasn't applied for this grant since 2015 and could qualify up to \$350,000 for infrastructure which could be used for sewer, streets, or water; county match is voluntary (5 to 10%).

**Motion:** to authorized publications for RFP's, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eric Ramos, County Judge, **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. Consider and authorize publication of Request for Statements of Qualifications (RFQ) for Architectural/Engineering Services for the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) 2022-2023 TxCDBG Community Development (CD) and other TDA Funding Opportunities** 

Mr. Briones addressed the Court on the above matter with information on the process of the item. Ruben Ramirez EMC/ Fire Chief addressed the Court to further explain the line item. Mr. Briones stated there is a deadline and is trying to meet it by March 16<sup>th</sup>.

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**Commissioner Garza joined the meeting at 3:49 PM**  
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**Motion:** to approve publication for RFQ's, **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.


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**5. Discuss, Consider and Act on allowing BCFA the use of the JM Alaniz Fair Grounds for the Brooks County Fair, from February 22, 2022 – February 27, 2022.**

**(Submitted by Arnold Mireles)** 

**Motion:** to allow the usage of the fairgrounds, **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.

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**6. Discuss, Consider and Act on lifting the Beer Ban for the Brooks County Fair, from February 22, 2022 – February 27, 2022. (Submitted by Arnold Mireles)** 

**Motion:** to lift the alcohol ban for the sale event, **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.

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**7. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$500.00 from 012-5-0510-5136 – UNIFORMS and \$500.00 from 012-5-0510-5200 - BLDG. MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES to 012-5-0510-5105**

**Gas & Oil.** 

**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.


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**8. Discuss, Consider and Act on rescinding motion made on the Special Commissioners Court Meeting held on February 14,2022 line item # 7 due to not enough money for transfer of funds.**



**Motion:** to rescind the motion, **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.

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**9. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$2,795.00 from 012-5-0665-5209 Alaniz Fair Grounds, to 012-5-0510-5201 Repairs- Annex others.** 

**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 = 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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**10. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,800.00 from 012-5-0665-8107 Part-time, to 012-5-0665-9068 Contract Labor.** 

**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 = 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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**12. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoices for Attorney fees to Joel C. Resendez.** 

**Motion:** to approve paying invoices totaling \$2,225.00, **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 = 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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**13. Discuss, Consider and Act on rescinding the vote on agenda item #12 on February 10, 2022 to make the part-time position in the Emergency management Department into a Full-time position (Submitted by Comm. R Gutierrez)** 

The Court discussed the above matter in open Court. Judge Ramos explained the purpose leading to the suggestion of the full-time position and the reimbursement of monies. August Patroelj addressed the Court in reference to the salary. Commissioners expressed their opinions of the part time to full time positions.

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

**Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 3, No =2).

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

**No.:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge.

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At this time Commissioner Villarreal left the meeting.  
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**11. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$10,000.00 from 012-5-0082-9070 Miscellaneous, to 120-5-0082-8105 Office Clerk.**

Item Passed by the Court.  
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**EXECUTIVE SESSION-Item passed by the Court.**

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

**OPEN SESSION**

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

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 4:36 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4.

**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.  
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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:**

  
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County Clerk