


**REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**February 10, 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 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 10:04 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,  
Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4,  
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk (Not voting).

**Absent:** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.

**AGENDA**

1. **Public Comments** 

There were no public comments said at this time.

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

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

**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.

\*\*In listening to the Audio recordings, A motion was made by Commissioner Garza and no second was made.

3. **Approve of Bills and Claims** 

**Motion:** to approve the bills and claims as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, **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, 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)

The Court went over the County Treasurers report for the months of December 2021 and January 2022; Terri A Silvas, Chief Deputy presented her monthly report for January 2022.

**Motion:** to approve the monthly reports as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **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.

11. **Discuss, Consider and Act on approving of Order requiring 20 % Earnest Money Deposit on all Resale Bids of Tax Foreclosure Property.** 

**(Submitted by Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP)**

Steven Saucedo, Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP addressed the Court on the above matter. Mr. Saucedo gave a quick explanation of the order stating that anyone wanting to place a bid would be required to pay 20% down; if bidder wanted to pull out, the entities would stay with the money, and if bidder was out bided, money would be returned.

In listening to the Audio recordings, Honorable Judge Eric Ramos asked for a motion. Commissioner Gutierrez stated motion, Judge Ramos asked, is that a motion in favor, he stated yes, Commissioner Williams then seconds the motion.

When brought before a Vote; Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated the motion was as follows:

**Motion:** to approve Order requiring 20% earnest money on all resale bids for foreclosure properties, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **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.

***\*\*\*Per Special Commissioners' Court Meeting February 14, 2022, Line Item #15, a motion was made to correct the voting of this line item, to read as follows \*\*\****

**Motion:** to approve Order requiring 20% earnest money on all resale bids for foreclosure properties, **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:** 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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**7. Discuss, consider, and possibly approve Lone Star Strategy Group, LLC to apply for the Local and Regional Project Assistance Program which is known as the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grants program (formerly TIGER and BUILD Transportation Grants). The RAISE grant program is described in the Federal Assistance Listings under the assistance listing program title "National Infrastructure Investments" and assistance listing number 20.9335**

**(Submitted by Marissa U. Trevino)** 

Marissa Utley-Trevino, Lone Star Strategy Group, LLC addressed the Court on the above matter. Mrs. Utley-Trevino stated this is part of an infrastructure grant with no county match (Charging stations for Telsa vehicles and a walking and bike trail (archery range).


**Motion:** to allow Lone Star Strategy Group, LLC to apply for this grant, **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 = 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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**5. Agrilife Extension Reports – Information** 


Information item, no action taken.

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**6. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,800.00 from 012-5-0665-5135 JM Alaniz Fair Grounds, to 012-5-0665-5209 Part-Time Labor. (Submitted by Nikolo Guerra)** 

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **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 = 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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**8. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying Exxon Mobile \$61.95 for gas on missing receipt dated 11/30/201 (Submitted by Sheriff's Office)** 

**Motion:** to approve payment, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. 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, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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**9. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying Salmon Electric Company, Inc. for repairs to the KPSO Generator for Emergency Services. (Submitted by County Judge Eric Ramos)** 

**Motion:** to approve payment for repairs, **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, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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**10. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$25.00 from 012-5-0497-9080 Registration fees, to 012-5-0497- 9010 Membership Dues. (Submitted By County Treasurer Alan Hernandez)** 

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **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 = 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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**12. Discuss, Consider and Act on making part-time position in the Emergency Management Department to full- time. (Submitted by County Judge Eric Ramos)** 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos informed the Court that this money is coming out of Fund 120 and will be reimbursable back to the County. Judge Ramos stated that Mr. Lopez started volunteering in March of 2021 and became part time in June 2021. Judge Ramos stated that in the last 6 weeks Mr. Lopez has been testing nonstop and even after hours and believes he deserves this. Katy Salinas also addressed the Court on the salary, being from budget year to budget year.

**Motion:** to make this position a full time, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Eric Ramos, County Judge. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

**No:** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4.

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

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

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

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

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**15. Adjourn** 

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 10:38, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

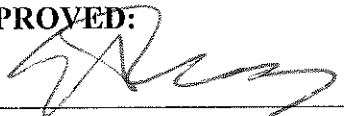
**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

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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