


**REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**June 9, 2022**  
**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 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: 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,  
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,

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

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**1. Public Comments** 

Irma Menchaca addressed the Court in reference to the pet order recently passed which became effective June 2<sup>nd</sup> and hopes the order is followed; also in reference to the Ed Rachal Library and commends Mary Beth Munoz on her personality; addressed line item #21 and the use of guns by her neighbors.

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Commissioner Villarreal joined the meeting at 3:45 PM  
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Elizabeth Wright addressed the Court in reference to a public notice being posted and is asking the Court for Petition to close, vacate CR 223 and 224


Armando Olivarez, addressed the Court in reference to the jail running on 8 officers including administration and it has to deal with the pay that they receive and asks for any consideration for their pay during budget time.

Irma Perez-Chapa and is here to address line item #21 and with her neighbors usage of guns and hopes something can be done.

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**11. Discussion of proposed Brooks County ISD Educator Housing Project** 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos informed the Court in reference to above matter and has invited Dr. Casas to address the Court with any questions about this program. Dr. Casas addressed the Court on the above matter, and informed the Court on how this project will help teachers look for housing, refurbishing of the property purchased by the school will be done by student's (needing appetences for their certificates). Dr. Casas discussed that these properties will be offered a lease option, putting these properties back on the tax roll. It as was discussed that the students working on these projects will be given an \$800 stipend to complete this project through a 4 week summer project.

Steven Saucedo from Linebarger addressed that in behalf of the property tax code this sale can be done. The Court discussed this item thoroughly to answer any questions or concerns they had.

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**12. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property SUIT NO. 18-0202234-TAX, Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County and City of Falfurrias vs Alvie E Callenius. ACCT. No. 051000020002000, lot 2, Blk 20, Miller Brothers Additions, an addition to the City of Falfurrias, Brooks County ,Texas according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 93, Page839, Map records for Brooks County, Texas. (Submitted by Linebarger, Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP)** 

**Motion:** to approve offer by Brooks County Independent School District, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. 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.

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

There were no minutes for review, Item passed.

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**3. Approve of Bills and Claims** 

**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.

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**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)

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

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**5. Agrilife Extension Reports-Information** 

Nothing presented, Item passed.

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**6. Discuss, Consider and Act on a Contribution to HALO Flight for the 2023 Fiscal Year.**



**Motion:** to approve contribution of \$2500, **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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**7. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$30,000.00 from 013-0033-9524 Capital**

**Outlay; to 013-0033-5105 Gas and Oil ( Submitted by David Guerra)** 

**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 = 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 transferring \$4,335.12 from 013-5-0033-8105; to 013-5-0033-8107 Part-time. (Submitted by David Guerra)** 

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **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 = 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 \$100.00 from 012-5-004505484 Crt Appt Atty-Criminal; to 012-5-0435-9051 Grand Jury. (Submitted by Carol Salinas-Court Mgr)**



**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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**10. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$750.00 from 101-5-0053-5515 Communication & Radio, \$500.00 from 101-5-0053-5810 Repairs & Maint. Office Equip. \$1,500.00 from 101-5-0053-5865 Equip. Rental; to 101-5-0053-5105 Gas & Oil Expense.**

**(Submitted by Ruby Allen)** 

**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 = 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 a transfer of \$3,500 from 012-5-0409-5417 (Grant Matching) to 012-5-0510-5201 (Bldg Repairs-Annex and others)** 

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **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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**14. Discuss, Consider and Act on a Transfer of \$2500 from 012-5-0409-5417 (Grant Matching) to 012-5-0510-5200 (Bldg Maintenance Supplies)** 

**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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**15. Discuss, Consider and Act on a Transfer of \$750 from 012-5-0409-9070 (Misc.) to 012-5-0510-5105 (Oil & Gas Expense)** 

**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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**16. Discuss, Consider and Act on a Transfer of \$750 from 012-5-0409-9070 (Misc.) to 012-5-0510-5105 (Oil & Gas Expense)**   
Skipped (duplicate to #15)

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**17. Discuss, Consider and Act on a Transfer of \$1000 from 012-5-0409-9070 (Misc.) to 012-5-0409-9066 (Civil Defense)** 

**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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**18. Discuss, consider and act on modified Order establishing animal and Rabies Control Authority within Unincorporated areas of Brooks County.** 

Judge Ramos stated that this won't change the order but just changing some items that referred to Bexar County.

**Motion:** to table and to do the changes, **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 = 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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**19. Discussion: Update on Ed Rachal Memorial Library Roof Project** 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court with an update and that they have set a completion date of August 5<sup>th</sup>.

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**20. Discussion on cyberattack situation.** 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos informed the Court that the team working on this are in the process of doing the encryption and working on the server that contains the financial information first. Judge Ramos stated that the final payoff was about \$47,000.00 (Insurance will pay \$10,000.00). Update only, no action taken.

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**21. Discussion: Possible ordinance on use of guns in unincorporated areas of Brooks County but within close distance of other residences/residential areas.** 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that this was brought before the court due to some complaints, but has asked the County Attorney to look at this and see what can be done. (Due to a

bunch of tract being 10 acres tracts and a bullet can travel some distance). It discussed to have the County attorney to continue looking into this.

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**22. Budget Workshop** 

- A. 2022-23 proposed- Revenues
- B. 2022-23 proposed- expenditures

- Judge Ramos presented to the court his numbers on expected revenues, which have not been entered and will give the numbers to the Auditor for review. **(on file)**
- Leaving us with about \$60,000 - \$100,000 remaining.
- Was discussed to add more monies to Oil and Gas due to the possibility of gas increase.
- It was discussed to keep to the taxes the same, giving us two hundred and some thousand more
- \$50,000 less to expenditures; not listed is the opioids settlement, estimated to received \$25,000 this year and next year between 10-15,000

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION- ITEM PASSED BY THE COURT**

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

24. Consultation with attorney regarding recent cyberattack.

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**OPEN SESSION-ITEM PASSED BY THE COURT**

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

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**26. Adjourn** 


**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **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 = 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 July, 2022, A.D.

**APPROVED:**

  
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County Judge

**ATTESTED:**

  
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County Clerk