


SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
February 14, 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 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 3:33 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,
Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk (Not voting).

Absent: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1,
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 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that at the last meeting the Minutes were put to a vote but was not seconded. But needed to make a correction on one of the agenda items first before approving the minutes.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that at the last meeting, when he stated the motion, he mixed up the voting sequence.

15. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the correct wording on a motion made from February 10, 2022 Line Item #11 to reflect Commissioner Gutierrez making the motion, Commissioner Williams seconding the motion.

Motion: to approve the correction of the wording of the motion, due to the mix up, **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 = 3).

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

The Court went back to discuss line item #4

Motion: to approve the minutes retroactive till 02-10-2022, **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 = 3).

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.


3. Approve of Bills and Claims 

Commissioner Gutierrez joined the meeting at 3:38 PM

Motion: to approve the bills and claims as presented., **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, **Seconded by** Eric Ramos, County Judge. 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. Discuss, Consider and Act on purchasing 1,008 yards of Caliche for \$10,800.00 from L.O. Construction to be used in Precint3 (Submitted by Brooks County Foreman David Guerra) 

Commissioner Williams asked on the usage of the caliche and if it would be used just for preceinct3. David Guerra, Road and Bridge Foreman stated that the caliche is being bought out of Commissioner's Villarreal's budget. Ms. Pamela Soliz addressed the Court on the above matter if any bids were done. Mr. Guerra stated no, they have always purchased from that company.

Motion: to approve purchase of caliche, **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 = 4).


Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

5. Discuss, Consider and Act on the purchase and installation of a new engine for unit 8 by Trevino's Auto Works in the amount of \$8,010.24 (Submitted by Brooks County Foreman David Guerra) 

Motion: to approve purchase and installation, **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.


6. Discuss, Consider and Act on Revised Plat for Rancho Encino Subdivision. (Submitted by Anna Garcia) 

A presentation on the development of the subdivision was given to the court and any questions asked by the Court were answered. Ruben Ramirez, EMC/Fire Chief addressed the Court stating that they should table this item, to get an environmental study down as far as septic tanks and the possibility of adding fire hydrates.

Motion: to table, **Action:** Table, **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.

7. Discuss, Consider, and Act on transferring \$3,000.00 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** 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.

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$2,500.00 from 012-5-0665-8114 County Agent FCS to 012-5-0510-5508 Blumer and Hospital Annex IMP. 

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.

9. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$2,500.00 from 012-5-0665-8114 County Agent FCS to 012-5-0510-5204 Repairs- Courthouse) 

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.

10. Discuss, Consider and Act on new salary of \$25,000.00 annually and effective date of February 16, 2022 for Emergency Management full-time position, (previously approved on February 10, 2022 line item #12.) 

Pamela Solis addressed the Court on the above matter with questions on the salary. Ruben Ramirez, EMC/Fire Chief addressed the Court and stated a little more of what is currently done by this full-time position.

Motion: to approve the salary and to begin the 16th, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Eric Ramos, County Judge.

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

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

No: Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

11. Discuss procedure for road improvement allotted to Commissioners. 

Item was passed by the Court.

12 Discussion of Current status of Grants

- A. BRIC
- B. TDHCA
- C. The Ed Rachal Roof
- D. CTIF



Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court on the above matter

- a. Discussed the Creek grant (a five million dollar grant, just waiting from the State if we have been funded)
- b. Discussed that the grant has been funded, but is waiting on the legal department to release some documents, have some funds available for about 30 homes, but waiting for full release to start (some criteria's need to be met in order to be qualified)
- c. Judge Ramos read a letter stating that Mrs. Utley-Trevino spoke with Mrs. Inez Garza, and that due to the weather the material hasn't been received, but that the roofing company would begin on February 21st.
- d. Discussed the road grant, about to start off for bids for CR's 200, 210, and 110 (oilfield roads); by the end of February bids will be out (2 weeks published in the paper and then will award the bid)

13. Discuss, Consider and Act on donating the City of Premont the Brooks County

Landfill's brush burner 

Judge Ramos stated that included in your packet is a letter from the Premont Mayor, and that he would be working on an MOU with the City of Premont.


Motion: to table, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. Judge Ramos stated the he really wanted to move forward with this and bring back to approve the MOU.

Motion: to approve donation of brush burner and create an MOU, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

Ric Rubio, Premont City Councilman addressed the Court on the above matter stating that it will be for the City of Premont and has a permit to burn.

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.

14 Discuss, Consider and Act on approving Invoice#189226 to Mario Cantu for repairs at the JM Alaniz Fair Grounds in the amount of \$10,535.00. 

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 = 4).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Items passed by the Court.

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

OPEN SESSION- Items passed by the Court.

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

18. Adjourn 


Motion: to adjourn at 4:24 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **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.

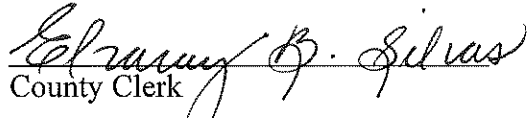
The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 14th day of July, 2022, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:



County Clerk