


SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
Wednesday, April 27, 2022
3:00 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 3:02 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,
Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3,
Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk (Not voting).

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Public Comments 

Judge Ramos asked for public comments not on the agenda and none were made
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2. Discuss, Consider and Act to Approve a Resolution authorizing the Submission of a DR #4485 Texas COVID-19 Pandemic Program Application under the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TEDM). (Submitted by the CJ Eric Ramos) 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that this grant had been submitted before but because of a public notice it was rejected, this is the same grant just a different grant number.

Motion: to approve resolution, **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.

3. Discuss, Consider and Act to Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a DR #5420 FY 2022 Post- Fire program application under the Texas Division of Emergency

Management (TEDM)

Motion: to approve Resolution, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. 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.

5. Discuss, Consider and Act on Presentation by Brooks County Attorney and 79th District Adult Probation Department regarding new requirements (unfunded mandates) as per Daman

Allen Act (SB6)

Michael Guerra, Jim Wells County Attorney addressed the Court on the above matter with a quick presentation on SB6 and how Jim Wells will be handling this new mandate. Mr. Guerra also stated that this mandate has to be in place by December 1, 2022 or will be fined. Mr. Guerra informed the Court that Judge Terrell has signed a document designating Brooks County JP's and Municipal Judge to magistrate felony offenses. (on file)

Motion: to table to May 12th, **Action:** Table, **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.

4. Discuss, Consider and Act on rescinding previous action of the Brooks County

Commissioners' Court to close a portion of Brooks County Roads 233 and 234.

David T. Garcia, County Attorney addressed the Court on the above matter. Mr. Garcia stated that they were three things that needed to be done (1. Petition signed by 8 people, 2. Posted at the courthouse and 3. Posted at both sides of the road. The Court discussed the above matter thoroughly on the way the road was closed and that it was not done correctly.

Lee Murphy addressed the Court on the above matter with a brief presentation on their beliefs of the closure on the roads. Elizabeth Wright stated that it was ok that the Court rescinded the motion and that she would properly file for closure of the roads.

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

6. Presentation by TX DOT regarding current and upcoming projects in Brooks County as well as concerns as but not limited to illegal dumping. (Submitted by CJ Eric Ramos)

Passed by the Court TxDOT couldn't be present.

Commissioner Williams left the meeting at 3:56 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated the per County Attorney David T. Garcia the following Executive items didn't meet the criteria for executive session discussions, Items were discussed in open Court.

8. Discuss Employment/Resignations/Retirements and other Personnel Issues. Consultation with the County Attorney regarding recent road closures in Precinct #2

Item was addressed, under line item #4.

9. Discussion on Commissioners Behavior when communicating or addressing vendor/Contractors on the job.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that no Commissioner has the authority to stop a project from proceeding and can not be making demands to the contractors. David T. Garcia also addressed the Court in reference to the above matter stating that the Commissioners are here to serve the Court.

OPEN SESSION

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

Item passed by the Court.

7. Workshop on uniqueness of Brooks County as per Coastal Bend Council of Governments.

Judge Ramos addressed the Court on the above matter in reference to a worksheet that was provided in the agenda packet and asks that all the Commissioners complete it. Judge Ramos stated that this will help determine what grants to apply for.

11. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn at 4:04 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).

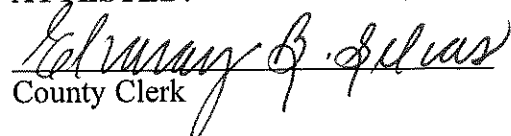
Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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