


REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT
August 11, 2022
3:00 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 3:02 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 

- a. Comments not on the agenda.
None.
- b. Comments are on the agenda.
Irma Menchaca addressed the court on Agenda #12, in reference to the rabies court order and states that she is still having issues with her neighbor's dog; after being notified of the Court order on tying up their dogs and wonders what can be done.

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

Item passed, none presented.

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.

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 reviewed the monthly reports for the months of March-June Treasurers' monthly report; Terri A Silvas stated briefly that they have started working on the report and will submit at the next special meeting but have collected about \$37,000 for the month of July.

Motion: to approve the monthly reports as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously. (**on file**)

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

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5. Agrilife Extension Reports

Item passed, none presented.


6. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a Resolution authorizing County Grant Program Texans Feeding Texans Home Delivered Meals for 2023. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court.

Motion: to approve resolution, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **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.


7. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a Resolution honoring Erica Woodruff for her work with BHOLD and her contributions to Brooks County. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court.

Motion: to approve resolution, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1. Motion passed unanimously. (**on file**)

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

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8. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a Resolution honoring Dalia Perez for her years of service at the Department of Health and Human Services and dedication to the health of the citizens of Brooks County. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court.

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).


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9. Discuss, Consider and Act on Transferring \$10,000 from 012-5-0435-5484 (CRT APPT ATTYS Criminal) and \$6,176 (County Medical Insurance) to 012-5-0409-9020 (Property insurance) 

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 = 5).


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10. Discuss, Consider and Act on Transferring \$2,855 from 012-5-0435-8137 (Court Coordinator) to 012-5-0409-9022 

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).

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11. Discuss, Consider and Act on opening and awarding bids for a one-year contact on 
A. Fuel & Lubricant
B. Pest Control & Termite Inspection

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos opened 1 bid for each contract; Bid for Fuel and Lubricant was from Oil Patch; Bid for Pest Control & Termite Inspection was from South Texas Pest Control quarterly payment of \$850.00. **(on file)**

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


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12. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$5,000.00 from 013-5-0033-9068 Contract Labor to 013-5-0033-5471 Rabies Control. (Submitted by Forman David 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 = 5).


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13. Discuss, Consider and Act on the Loma Blanca Soil & Water Conservation District #328 request for Annual Contribution for the FY 2023 

Motion: to approve annual contribution of \$2,500.00, **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.


14. Discuss, Consider and Act on changing the Funding Source Courthouse Annex Security from the general fund 012 to ARPA Fund 130. 

Katy Salinas addressed the Court stated that the line item has the wrong fund that it should be 15 instead of 12.

Motion: to approve with correction on Fund 12 to Fund 15, **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.

15. Discuss, Consider and Act on changing the Funding Source for the Emergency Management personnel from the Corona Virus Fund 120; to the ARPA Fund 130. 

Motion: to change Emergency Management Personnel from Fund 120 to ARPA Fund 130, **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 = 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.

16. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the certification of 2021 excess debt collections and the 2022 anticipated collection rate. 

Motion: to approve certification of the 2021 excess debt collections and the 2022 anticipated collection rate, **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 = 5). (**on file**)

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17. Discuss, Consider and Act on accepting certified total appraised, assessed and taxable values of all property and total taxable of new property in Brooks County as certified by the Brooks County Appraisal District, the Governing Body Summary #1A and #2A, and the 2022 Planning Calendar.

Motion: to accept the certified total appraised, assessed and taxable value; the Governing Body Summary# 1A and #2A, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eric Ramos, County Judge, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5). (**on file**)

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18. Discuss, Consider and Act on tax rate; if proposed tax rate will exceed the voter approval rate or the no new revenue tax rate (whichever is lower), take record, vote and schedule public hearings.

Motion: to approve a proposed tax rate of 0.88901 (with a .065 increase to the general fund/Deduction of .015 in FM, RB), **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1. Motion passed unanimously. (**on file**)

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

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19. Update on Ed Rachal Roof.

Honorable Judge Ramos stated that the roofers have discovered 320 gallons of water in the roof that has gathered overtime and have been extracting water every day for them to finish the fixing of the roof.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Item passed by the Court

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

OPEN SESSION

21. Discuss, Consider, and Act on Employment/Resignations/Retirements.

22. Adjourn 

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 3:48 pm, **Action:** Adjourn, **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 = 5).

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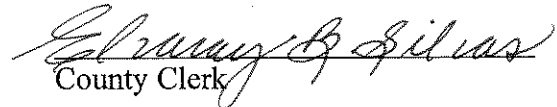
The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 21st day of September, 2022, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:


County Clerk