

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
June 30, 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 3:34 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,
Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk (Not voting).

Absent: Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2,
Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4.

AGENDA

1. Public Comments

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos introduced Kim Starr to the Commissioners Court.

Irma Menchaca addressed the Court stating that she is a proud resident of Brooks County; Commented on the County Dog Catcher on doing a good job and she has a concern with the beer ban being lifted sometimes people drink to much, Mrs. Menchaca emphasized prayers for a safe July 4th.

2. Approve of Bills and Claims

Motion: to approve the bills and claims as presented by the County Auditor, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously. **(on file)**

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 3).

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

3. Discuss, Consider and Act on lifting the Beer Ban for an event scheduled for July 16th at the Alaniz Fair Grounds. (Submitted by Nikolo Guerra)

Nikolo Guerra addressed the Court on the above matter, stating that he was asked by Alona Garcia on the beer ban lift and that she was given permission to go to TABC. Mr. Guerra stated that

this event would be from 6:00 PM to midnight. The only concern that she has is knowing the limit that can be served to people. Judge Ramos stated that he appreciated the efforts going into this.

Motion: to lift the alcohol ban for the July 16th event, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 3).

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

4. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the salary adjustment for one of the deputy clerk from \$23,500.00 to \$25,500.00 to be effective July 1, 2022. (Submitted by District Clerk Lesvia Gonzales)

Motion: to approve salary adjustment, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 3).

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

5. Discuss, Consider and Act on Approving the Brooks County Sheriff's Office to use the Fairgrounds for parking during the Fireworks display on Sunday, July 3, 2022. (Submitted by Sheriff's Office)

Motion: to approve usage of fairgrounds for firework show, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 3).

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

6. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$500.00 from line item 012-5-0512-5550 Out of County Travel, to 012-5-0512-5800 Repairs and Maint-Building. (Submitted by Sheriff's Office)

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 3).

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

7. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,200.00 from 012-2-0630-9070; to 012-5-0510-5105 Gas & Oil Expense.

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 3).

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

8. Discuss, Consider, and Act on modified Order establishing animal and Rabies Control Authority with the Unincorporated areas of Brooks County.

Motion: to approve the modified Order, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously. **(on file)**

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 3).

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

9. Discuss, Consider, and Act on a contract with AARC Environmental, Inc. to conduct a County network Cybersecurity Audit to detect vulnerabilities, risks, and threats for the County. (Submitted by BC Judge Eric Ramos)

Item was passed by the Court.

10. Discuss, Consider and Act on a contract with AARC Environmental, Inc. to provide a Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan maintenance program required by the US EPA for the Brooks County Airport and Road & Bridge Department facilities.

Item was passed by the Court.

11. Discuss, Consider and Act on reverting back to pre-covid sick- leave policy.

Katy Salinas, HR Department addressed the Court on the above matter, questioning if we remove the policy would it affect our reimbursement. Honorable Judge Ramos stated that it wouldn't affect us, but asks if we could hold off on it and would look into it.

Motion: to table for further information, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 3).

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

12. Discuss update on Grants.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos updated the Court on the following grants:

- Home/housing program has already been approved; should contact families and have them start applying through the Judges office; provide training to prepare staff to answer any questions
- A Colonia Fund is available with a deadline of 07-15-2022 (Encino/Airport), making an interlocal agreement with the City of Falfurrias for street repairs (allowing the grant to go up to 1 million dollars); it was stated that due to a glitch the County was not approved but can reapply for up to \$90,000.00
- Discussed grant for Fire Ambulance Service Truck (FAST)
- A community development grant of \$300,000 for street improvement; water & sewerage improvement

- Post fire grant which could be used for purchasing of generator and equipment

13. Budget Workshop

- A. Revenues
- B. Expenses

The Court discussed the following:

- It was discussed that all Commissioners be present for budget meetings; and that Judge Ramos should know more about revenues when the Court comes back in a couple of weeks.
- Discussed Fund #12: General Fund, Traffic Officer was taken out; about \$70,000 in the black will be using some of that money for that gas for the year; 2 EMC;
- Half of ARPA funds were received last year and the other half should be received soon
- Purchasing of module building to house the Juvenile Probation Department.
- Look into fixing the air condition problem in the Court room at the Annex building

14. Adjourn

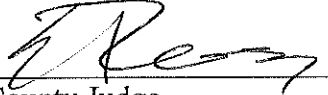
Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 3).

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

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