


**SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**Wednesday, August 10, 2022**  
**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 10:12 AM 

**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,  
Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3,  
Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4,  
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk (Not voting).

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

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

**AGENDA**

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**1. Public Comments**  
No public comments we said.  
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**2. Budget Workshop** 

The Court discussed the following increases and decreases for the 2022-2023 fiscal year: **(on file)**

- Auto insurance increase included in budget
- Social security increase
- Added an SOR salary (officer in the school)
- Increase District Judge Secretary Salary to \$27, 500
- August Patroelj, County Auditor stated that this has been a great budget year and wanted to give credit where credit is due
- Facing some issues at the Jail with Jailers leaving and putting us in a noncompliance status; the possibility of closure of the jail, and the need of housing (looking for placement or the possibility of an increase of salary) elsewhere (medical expenses, and other expenditures)
- Shortage of the budget of \$256,140.89; discussed the possibility of tax increase with .06 cent increase to our general fund with a no tax increase due to the decrease of tax rates; in doing a

.065 tax increase can give an increase to the jailers with the possibility of giving a flat raise to the employees with the fund balance; discussed looking on which route to go on the increase of \$16-\$18.00 an hour

- Discussed 4 salaries in ARPA fund, moving 2 to the general fund and 2 will be paid out of ARPA for this year and then next year the other 2 will be moved back to the general fund; it was discussed on the possibility of an increase to dispatchers, but Judge Ramos and County Auditor informed the Court that the City doesn't even pay for one salary. Without an increase to the bill sent to the City we cannot do an increase to dispatchers. Discussed the possibility of cutting off the City and having them get their own communications division.

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**3. Adjourn** 

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **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:** 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2022, A.D.

**APPROVED:**



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County Judge

**ATTESTED:**

  
County Clerk