

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
Thursday, August 4, 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 3:05 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,
Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk (Not voting).

Absent: Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.

AGENDA

1. Public Comments

Angela Perez, Assistant Auditor addressed the Court on behalf of the County Auditor's Office pertaining to the change made to Brooks County IT Services due to the most recent cyberattack and the paying of two IT services.

2. Discuss, Consider and Act on the Terms and Conditions with CoreRecon, LLC.

Motion: to approve the terms and conditions, **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.

3. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$500.00 from 012-5-0630-9054 Equipment and Supplies; to 012-5-0630-9070 Misc.

The Court made a correction to the line item being 9504.

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.

4. Discuss, Consider and Act on correcting Agenda item #14 from the Special Commissioners Court on July 21, 2022, from 012-5-0510-5105 to 101-5-0053-5105

Motion: to correct the line item, **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.

5. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$2,000.00 from line item 012-5-0435-5484 Crt. Appt. Attys- Criminal; to 012-5-0435-9051 Grand Jury. (Submitted by Carol Salinas, 79th District Court Mgr.)

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.

6. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,000.00 from 012-5-063-9504 Equipment/Supplies; to 012-5-0630-5550 Out of County Travel.

The Court made a correction to the line item being 9504.

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.

7. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$40,700 from 012-5-0560-8133 (Commanders) and \$11,504 from 012-5-0560-8134 to 012-5-0560-8104 (Deputies).

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **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.

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1300 from 012-5-0665-8105 (secretary) and \$1385 from 012-5-0665-8114 (County Agent FCS)

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 \$150 from 012-5-0510-5136 (uniforms) to 012-5-0120-9068 (Contract Labor)

Made a correction line item 012-5-0120-9068 should be 012-5-0510-9068.

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 transferring \$7,000 from 012-5-0409-5400 (Legal Fees) to 012-5-0500-8107 (Part-time)

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.

11. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$5,000 from 012-5-0409-5410 (Prof Fees, ACCT & Auditing) to 012-5-0510-5201 Building Repairs Annex

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.

12. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$10,234.18 from 0130033-9514 Capital Outlay; to 013-5-0033-9500 Capital Outlay- Machinery & Equipment. (Submitted by BC Foremen David Guerra)

Made a correction to line item 0130033-9514 should be 013-5-0033-9514.

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.

13. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$2,500.00 from 012-5-0512-8105 Jailers; to 012-5-0512-8125 Overtime.

Made a correction to line item 012-5-0512-8125 should be 012-5-0512-8129

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.

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

Item was passed by the Court.

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.

Item was passed by the Court.

16. Discuss, Consider and Act on sending 4 2004 Massey Ferguson 481 tractors to the next Sheriff's Dept. Auction. (Submitted by BC Foreman David Guerra)

- A. Unit 62 Serial # 9365BN04099**
- B. Unit 63 Serial # 9365BN04079**
- C. Unit 64 Serial # 9365BN04080**
- D. Unit 65 Serial # 9365BN04078**

Motion: to approve sending tractors for auction, **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.

17. Budget Workshop

- A. 2022-2023- Revenue**
- B. 2022-2023 Expenses**
- C. 2022-2023 Funds**

The Court discussed the following increases/decreases:

- Since the last workshop has received several request of increase to salaries
- Terri A. Silvas explained the 2022 Governing Body Summary #1A; putting in the numbers to get an idea;
- Judge Ramos stated that the good news is that the tax rate will decrease;
- Discussed cutting more to the department budgets of \$42,000-\$45,000\
- Discussed COLA/Premium pay for part-timers and full timers (premium pay comes from ARPA \$650.00 for part-timers and \$1,250.00 for full timers and COLA \$650.00 for part-timers and \$1,250.00) if it could be done;
- That there is 2 million dollars in the bank and have 2 months to go, we should have 1.5 million dollars in the fund balance;
- Discussed ARPA Funds and the 2nd portion being \$778,000.00
 - Paid 4 deputies out of the ARPA Funds
 - Annex & Library Air conditioners have been replaced and will be getting 2 more new ones
 - Mobile home buildings for the Juvenile Probation /Modular building for the offices at the Blumer Building (\$200,000 with 5 offices); \$90,000 to demolish the Blumer Building and \$20-30,000 to demolish the Penly & Wilder building;
 - Walking park- \$100,000 set aside to build it and is proposing to set aside another \$37,000 which is all that is needed to reach the amount needed;
 - \$50,000 for the VFW match

Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector addressed the Court stating that Thursdays don't work for her during the tax season and suggested to the Court, that they meet on Tuesdays for next year.

18. Presentation of Proposed Budget.

Item passed by the court.

19. Update on ED Rachal Library Roof.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that he had received a third proposal from the Roofing company, that they were supposed to have come last week but didn't come. Judge Ramos stated that he had a discussion with the County Attorney and filed charges on the 28th and has decided to go out and look for bids in the amount of \$100,000, if not would have to go out for bids.

20. Adjourn


Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Eric Ramos, County Judge. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

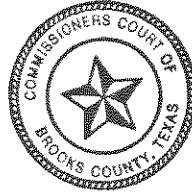
Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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 23rd day of February, 2024 A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge



ATTESTED:


County Clerk