


SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
Thursday, December 29, 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 3:06 PM 

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.

Absent: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk.


Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Public Comments

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos asked for any public comments for items that were not on the agenda:
No comments were made.

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No comments were made.


2. Discuss, Consider and Act on awarding \$25,000.00 from the ARPA fund to the South Texas Human Rights Center non- profit organization (Submitted by Judge Ramos) 

Motion: to table, **Action:** Table, **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 = 4).

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

County Clerk entered the meeting at 3:07 PM.

3. Discuss, Consider and Act on funding a 4th clerk in the County/District Clerks office through ARPA 2023. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court in reference to modifying of the ARPA fund would help fund a 4th person in the County/District Clerk's Office. It was discussed that in hiring of the third person who has knowledgeable experience is asking for a certain salary amount leaving the office with just 3 employees and would be a trial basis.

Motion: to fund 4th clerk, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eric Ramos, County Judge, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion failed (**summary:** Yes = 2, No = 2, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

No: Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.

4. Discuss, Consider and Act on modifying ARPA 2023 Funding.

This item was passed.

5. Discuss, Consider and Act on revised salaries for the County/District Clerks.

This item was passed and will be discussed next week.

6. Discuss, Consider and Act on moving Mark Hernandez from part-time to full-time. 

Motion: to move Mark Hernandez from part-time to full time, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

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


Yes: Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

7. Discuss, Consider and Act on adding January 2, 2023, to the 2023 Holiday Schedule. 

Motion: to add January 2, 2023 to the Holiday Schedule, **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: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

8. Discuss, Consider and Act approving the fund source for the local match of the hazard mitigation grant. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that this was a grant that we needed to reapply for, and in reapplying we were granted money. Judge Ramos said that monies could be used from the Road and Bridge fund balance to help fund this grant.

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 = 4).

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

9. Adjourn 

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 3:43 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Eric Ramos, County Judge, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. 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.

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.

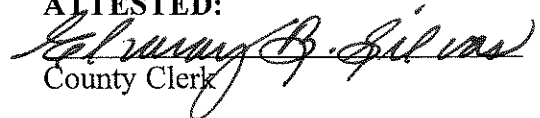
APPROVED:



County Judge



ATTESTED:



County Clerk