

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
Thursday, September 15, 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 3:03 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**

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos asked for any public comments for items that were not on the agenda:
 None were asked.

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 None were asked.

2. **Discuss, Consider and Act on the 2023 Sherriff's and Constable fees. (Submitted by County Clerk Elvaray B. Silva)**

Motion: to table till the next meeting, **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).

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. **Discuss, Consider and Act on Proposal for 2022 Budget (Sheriff's office)**

Item was passed by the Court.

5. Discuss, Consider and Act on a MOU contract between Brooks County and Live Oak County, to house Brooks County inmates. If approved contract will begin retroactive from when the inmates were transferred. (Submitted by Sheriff's Office)

Jorge Esparza, Commander addressed the Court that at the beginning the jail had a total of 34 inmates, have placed out for housing in Live Oak County. Commander Esparza mentioned that they will be bringing back inmates that can be held with the number of staff they currently have. Commander Esparza did mention that this was an MOU that was in place but hadn't been updated, so will be good to have if needed due to any necessities.

Motion: to approve MOU, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. 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.

6. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$577.03 from line item 012-5-0456-5000; to 012-5-0456-8107 Part-time.(Submitted by JP #2 Oralia Morales)

Item was passed by the Court.

7. Discuss, Consider and Act on adopting the Tax Rates for fiscal year 2022-2023- to include the following language. (Submitted by Chief Deputy Terri Silvas)

Not ready for approval, item passed.

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on opening County Road 228. (Request by J. Arredondo)

Janie Barrera Vela addressed the Court in reference to the closing of the road; to her knowledge her and her family still own that property and that the road is not used by no one only them.

Motion: to not open CR 228, **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 = 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.

9. Discuss, Consider and Act on repairing the South fence at the Brooks County Landfill. (Requested by Comm. E. Garza)

Judge Ramos mentioned that he spoke with Jim Allison from TAC due to the safety and security of the landfill. Judge Ramos stated that there is \$17,500.00 in the budget to repair the fence.

Motion: to repair the fence, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1. Motion passed unanimously.

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 transferring \$500 from 012-5-0510-5206 (Elevator Maintenance) to 012-5-05105830 (A/C System)

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **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).

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.

17. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$600 from 012-5-0512-5120 (Janitorial Supplies) to 012-5-0456-8107

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).

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.

12. Discuss, Consider and Act on adopting the Brooks County 2022-2023 fiscal year budget.

Judge Ramos stated that we weren't ready to adopt the budget but had some proposals as follows (**on file**). Judge Ramos stated that if there was a raise, then no cola is to be received.

3. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving proposed salary increase for Brook's County Treasurer's Assistant's for FY 2023. (Submitted by BC Treasurer Alan Hernandez)

Motion: to approve salary increase, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 4, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

No: Eric Ramos, County Judge.

13. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a pay raise of \$5,200 per full-time dispatcher. (Sheriff B. Martinez)

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

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.

10. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,250 from 012-5-0409-5600 (Bids & Notices) to 012-5-0510-5720 (Utilities – Water)

Motion: to approve line-item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, **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.

11. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$750 from 012-5-0409-5550 (COG Travel) and \$550 from 012-5-0403-5550 (Out of County Travel) to 012-5-0409-5020 (County Postage)

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).

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 transferring \$1,000 from 012-5-0450-5000 (Office supplies), \$1,000 from 012-5-0475-5550 (Out of County travel), \$1,000 from 012-5-0497-5550 (Out of County Travel), and \$3500 from 012-5-0510-5206 (Elevator Maintenance) to 012-5-0409-8204 (Workers Compensation)

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, **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.

15. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$800 from 101-5-0053-8107 (Part-Timers) to 101-5-0053-9070 (Misc.)

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 = 5).

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 4, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

No: Eric Ramos, County Judge.

18. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **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).

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.

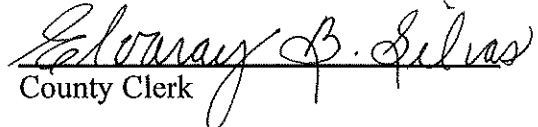
 The preceding minutes beginning on page 19 and ending on page 23, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume 39, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 10th day of November, 2022, A.D.

APPROVED:



 County Judge

ATTESTED:



 County Clerk