


REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT
August 10, 2023
1:30 PM
2nd FLOOR COURTROOM
BROOKS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this day, the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Brooks County, Texas met in Regular 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 1:36 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 & District Clerk (Not voting).

Absent: Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

1. Public Comments 

NONE

2. Approve of Regular and Special Commissioners' Court minutes. 

Motion: to approve of the minutes as presented, **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.

3. Approve of Bills and Claims 

Motion: to approve the bills as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1. Motion passed unanimously. (**on file**)

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. Approve Monthly Reports 

- a. Treasurer's Monthly Report
- b. Auditor's Monthly Report
- c. Tax Assessor Collector Chief Deputy Monthly Report
- d. Approve Monthly Reports by Brooks County
 - i. (Submitted by County Foreman)
 - ii. (Submitted by Brooks County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1-4)
 - iii. (Submitted by Brooks County Library Supervisor)
 - iv. (Submitted by Ruby Allen, Landfill Supervisor)

The Court reviewed the County Treasurer's Report; Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented her report for the month of July 2023.

Motion: to approve the reports as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1. Motion passed unanimously. **(on file)**

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. Agrilife Extension Reports 


Informational only.

6. Information on EMC National Life insurance. 

Kelly Elliot with EMC National Life Insurance presented to Court a quick presentation on Group Term Life and asking the Court for permission to be placed back on open enrollment to offer his products to County employees. No action taken, discussion only.

7. Discuss, Consider and Act on a one-time stipend in the amount of \$1,219.93 to Melissa Cisneros Court Clerk for JP PCT #1. (Submitted by JP PCT 1 Rolando Garza) 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos suggested that this not be voted on, but if voted on that this would be a onetime deal. Item passed due to no motion made.

8. Discuss, Consider, and act on approving a contract with Bill Wilson II, FAIA- Architect, for Architectural & Engineering Services. 

Motion: to approve contract will Bill Wilson, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1. Motion passed unanimously. **(on file)**

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 an interlocal agreement for E9-1-1 Public Safety

Safety Answering Point Services. 

Motion: to approve interlocal agreement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. Motion passed unanimously. **(on file)**

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 \$2,500.00 from 012-5-0403-8104 Deputies; to 012-5-0403-5000 Supplies. (Submitted by Elvaray B. Silvas) 

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 rescinding the awarding of a bid for a one-year contract for fuel and lubricant to 3L as per agenda item "12. Discuss, consider and act on opening and awarding bids a one-year contract on the following: A Fuel and Lubricants and B. Pest for Pest Control and Termite inspection. On July 20, 2023. 

Motion: to rescind the previous motion made, **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.

12. Discuss, Consider and Act on awarding bid for a one-year contract on Fuel and Lubricants. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that the bid submitted was only for fuel and would check with legal counsel on the lubricants portion.

Motion: to accept the Oil Patch bid (for fuel only), **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. Motion passed unanimously. **(on file)**

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

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13. Budget Workshop 

The Court discussed the following updates on the budget:

- Honorable Judge Ramos stated that the Court will have a meeting on Monday for the proposed tax rates
- Not ready to make any recommendations on the retirement rates.
- Have over 2 million dollars in CD's and cash balance; we have over \$500,000 in the cash pool; but managing the budget will help us not be in the red
- Will be having a debt expiring next year which will be going back into the general fund
- Discussed a Prosecutor grant which will increase the County secretary; a new position in the County Attorney offices; \$3,000 DA Secretaries and a \$7,000 increase to the DA Investigator
- discussed the Chiller at the Courthouse and new one to arrive in a month
- discussion on the sheriff's salary which is set by law and the others on placing them on a yearly stipend basis.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-No Executive Session held.

14. Discuss Employment/Resignations/Retirements and other Personnel Issues.

OPEN SESSION

15. Discuss, Consider, and Act on Employment/Resignations/Retirements.

16. Adjourn 


Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **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.

 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