


**REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**September 14, 2023**  
**10:00 AM**  
**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 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,  
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**

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**1. Public Comments**   
No comments were made.

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**2. Approve of Regular and Special Commissioners' Court minutes.**   
Item was passed.

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**3. Approve of Bills and Claims**   
**Motion:** to approve the bills as presented by the County Auditor, **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 = 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.

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**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)

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos reviewed in open Court the Treasurers' Report; Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented her monthly report.

**Motion:** to approve the monthly reports as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. 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.

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**5. Agrilife Extension Reports** 

Informational only, no action taken.

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**6. Information from Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation** 

The Court passed due to them not being present today.

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**7. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a Resolution authorizing County Grant Program (Home Meal Grant Program) Year 2024.** 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court.

**Motion:** to approve the resolution, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. 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.

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**8. Discuss, Consider, and act on a contribution to Halo Flight for the 2024 Fiscal Year, beginning January 1, 2024** 

**Motion:** to approve contribution of \$2,500, **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.

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**9. Discuss, Consider and Act on a Resolution for Chronic Wasting Disease.**


**(Submitted by David T Gacia)** 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court.

**Motion:** to approve resolution, **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 = 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.

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**10. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 11-08-01937-TX; Brooks County Independent School District and Brooks County vs. Robert C. Trevino Acct. No. 05290000205200; Lot 52, Cantu Addition to Brooks County, Texas as described in Volume 117, page 51 deed records of Brooks County, Texas** 


**Motion:** to approve offer on tax sale, **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.


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**11. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 15-10-02180-TAX; Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County and City of Falfurrias vs. Mellissa O. Davila Tract No. 1 Acct. No. 0120000F00500; Lot 5, Block "F", Maupin First addition, an addition to the City of Falfurrias, Brooks County Texas, as described in Volume 212, Page 281 Official Records for Brooks County, Texas** 

The court had a discussion on the possibility of setting a limit in reference to a minimum amount of bid to \$1000. Item was passed.

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**12. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 15-10-02180-TAX. Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County and City of Falfurrias vs. Melissa O. Davila Tract No. 2: Acct. No. 01200000F00600; Lot 6, Block F, Maupin First Addition, an addition to the City of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas as described in Volume 212, Official records of Brooks County, Texas.** 

**Motion:** to approve offer on tax sale, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, **None seconded.** Motion dies due to lack of second.

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**13. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 14-02-02066-TX. Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County and City of Falfurrias vs. Manuel Parras Acct. No. 01200000C00404; 0.092 acre, more, or less, being the North one-half of the West one-half of lot 4, Block "C" Maupin Addition, an addition to the town of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas as described indeed dated March 16, 194, from Amelia**

**Villa de Parras to Manuel V. Parras, in Volume 31, Page 581, Deed Records of Brooks County, Texas.** 

Honorable Judge Ramos asked for a motion, no motion was made, Item was passed.

**14. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 18-06-02252-TAX; Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County and City of Falfurrias vs. Maria Del Rosario Lozano Act. No. 01200002L00300, Lot 3, Block "L", Maupin 1<sup>st</sup> Addition, an addition to Brooks County, Texas as described in Volume 353, Page 667,**

**Official records of Brooks County, Texas** 

Honorable Judge Ramos asked for a motion, no motion was made, Item was passed.

**Motion:** no action, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1.

**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 offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 04-04-01460-TX; Brooks County Independent School District and Brooks County vs. Jack L. Andrus Tract No. 1: Acct. No. 00043-0000-009-00; 8.57 acres, more or less, being a 14.29 percent undivided interest in that certain undivided interest in that certain 60 acres tract, more or less, said 60 acres being of that certain 160 acres, more or less situated in Sections 107 and 108 known as the "Encianl Pasture", A & B Survey, Abstract 43, Brooks County, Texas (formerly Starr County), said 160 across being described dated January 20, 1911 from Ed. G Lasater to Silvestre Rodriguez, recorded in volume 11, page 295, Deed Records of Brooks County, Texas SAVE & EXCEPT however, 100 acres more or less said 100 acres being off of the South end of said 160 acers, and described in volume 14, page 153, Deed Records of**

**Brooks County, Texas leaving herein a residue of 60 acres more or less.** 

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


**16. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property Suit NO. 03-02-01357-TX; Brooks County, Brooks County Independent School District and City of Brooks vs. Ana Lee Garza Acct. No. 01200-000C-002-02; The West on-half of the North one-half of lot 2, Block "C", Maupin's Addition, Town of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas, Texas, as described in Volume 161, Page 671 Deed Records of Brooks County, Texas.** 

**Motion:** to approve offer for tax sale property, **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.

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**17. Discuss, Consider and Act on Texas Department of Transportation Airport Project**

**Participation Agreement 2023-2024. (Submitted by Auditor's Office)** 

**Motion:** to approve the 2023-2024 agreement, **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.

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**18. Discuss, Consider and Act on Loma Blanca Soil & Water Conservation District's request letter for Annual Contribution (FY2024).** 

**Motion:** to approve annual contribution of \$2,500, **Action:** Approve, **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 = 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.

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**19. Discuss, Consider and Act on a Resolution Nomination of Appraisal District Board of Directors 2024-2025. (Submitted by Daniel Garcia)** 

**Motion:** to approve resolution nominating Elvaray B. Silvas and August Patroelj, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. 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.

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**20. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving to have PCT. 3 Election Day voting to be at Southern Style event center at 1101 S. Saint Mary's. (Submitted by Anna Garcia)** 

**Motion:** to approve the new location, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **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.


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**21. Discuss, Consider and Act on an Order of Special Election.**

**( Submitted by Anna Garcia )** 

**Motion:** to approve order, **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.

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**22. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$2,000.00 from 012-5-0475-8107 General Fund to; 068-5-0055-8107 Pre- Trial Fund. (Submitted by BC Attorney David T. Garcia)** 

**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.

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**23. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,000.00 from 013-5-0033-9063 trash landfill fee; to 013-5-0033-5136. (Submitted By David Guerra)** 

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **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.

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**24. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,000 from 012-5-0510-5206 (Elevator Maintenance Expense) and \$1,000 from 012-5-0510-5508 (Blumer & Hosp., Annex Improvements) to 012-5-0510-5120 (Janitorial Supplies)** 

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

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**25. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,000 from 012-5-0639-5550 (Out of County Travel) to 012-5-0400-5550 (Out of County Travel)** 

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **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.

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**26. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$500 from 012-5-0630-5550 (Out of County Travel) to 012-5-0665-5550 (Out of County Travel)** 

**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).


**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.

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**27. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$200 from 012-5-0510-5201 (Bldg. Repairs - Annex & others) to 012-5-0510-5200 (Bldg. Maintenance Supplies)** 

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **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.

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**28. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying the County's Mastercard bill prior to the due date on a monthly basis.** 

**Motion:** to approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **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.


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**29. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$5,000.00 from 012-5-0512-8105 Jailers; to 012-5-0512-8129 Overtime** 

**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 = 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.


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**30. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$3,000.00 from 012-5-0512-8105 Jailers; to 012-5-0562-8129 Overtime** 

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **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.


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**31. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving C. Trevino the Vacation previously approved to roll over.** 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that at the Administrators and HR request to pay her out instead of rolling them over.

**Motion:** to approve roll over of 160 hours to be paid out, **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.

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**32. Discuss, Consider and Act on on approving salary adjustments for the Brooks County elected officials.** 

**Motion:** to approve a 1-year stipend to all elected officials as posted in the newspaper, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **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.

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**34. Budget Workshop** 

- Discussed cuts of \$109,800 with an additional \$10,000 from Autopsy
- Discussed a \$30,000 cut from supplement to the adult probation and thought that it would be taken on the open position in that department, it resulted in a cut of a position; Commissioner Villarreal suggested in putting it back in due to it being needed. It was discussed that if put back funds will come from the fund balance.

**Motion:** to add back the \$30,000 cut from adult probation, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **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.



- 911 Administrator is asking for an increase to her salary  
**Motion:** to approve stipend of \$2500, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1.  
**Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 3, No = 2, Abstain = 0).  
**Yes:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.  
**No:** Eric Ramos, County Judge, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.
- Commissioner Williams stated that it has been a few years since he has been asking for a pay scale, Judge Ramos stated that we could work on it and see if it works. Katy Salinas stated that we did have one but when the County made a 10% pay cut, is when we stopped doing the pay scale. August Patroelj, County Auditor stated that he wanted to point out that next year we will not have a \$300,000 payment and the one -time payment of \$100,000 for the airport, so there will be extra monies available.
- Discussion on the health insurance not changing.

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**33. Discuss, Consider and Act on adopting the 2023-24 Brooks County Budget.** 

August Patroelj, County Auditor stated that we can adopt the budget just to state that it includes the 2 changes just approved.

**Motion:** to approve the 2023-24 budget with the two amendment changes just approved, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. 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.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**OPEN SESSION**

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

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**37. Adjourn** 

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 11:34 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1. Motion passed unanimously.


**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

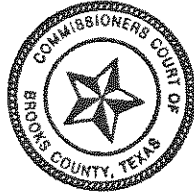
**Yes:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2024, A.D.

**APPROVED:**

  
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County Judge



**ATTESTED:**

  
County Clerk