


REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT
November 9, 2023
9:00 A.M.
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 9:27 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.

Absent: Elvaray B. Silvas, County & District Clerk.

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Public Comments 


Honorable Judge Eric Ramos asked for any public comments:

Larry Boccaccio from Texas Association of Counties that oversees Risk Control for Brooks County, addressed the Court stating that he has been with TAC for 23 years. Mr. Boccaccio stated that they had done a drone survey of Brooks County and wants to set up a meeting to discuss this survey project.

Elisa Torress addressed the Court in reference to a lady who has been contacting the Court about a sign that needs to be set up and about lighting in a subdivision. Mrs. Torres also thanked the Road and Bridge for picking up some tree branches that were left behind.

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

Item was passed by the Court.

3. Approve of Bills 

August Patroelj, County Auditor informed the Court stating that there is nothing out of the ordinary in the bills, except for a bill in the amount of \$14,000 for Emergency Management usage.

Motion: to approve the bills 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.

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)

August Patroelj, County Auditor presented a debt report to the Court; Katy Salinas presented a Treasurer Report (HR/Payroll report);


Motion: to approve of the monthly reports as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, **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.

5. Agrilife Extension Reports

Informational only, no action taken.


EXECUTIVE SESSION- The Court went into Executive Session at 9:40 AM to discuss possible litigation 

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

OPEN SESSION-The Court came back into open session at 10:23 AM, no discussion was made 

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


6. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property, Suit No. 15-10-02186-TX: Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County and City of Falfurrias vs Eusebio Martinez Jr. Acct. No. 01200000H00400; Lot 4, Block 'H', Maupin Addition, an

addition to the Town of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas, as described in Volume 156, page 681, Official Records of Brooks County, Texas. 

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

7. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property, Suit No. 04-10-01532-TX; Brooks County, Brooks County Independent School District and City of Falfurrias vs Nieves Calderon, Estate et al Acct. No. 00716-0000-001-00; 1.51 acres, more or less, situated in the Nieves Calderon Survey, Abstract 713, Brooks County, Texas, as described in Patent #308 dated December 13, 1943 from Governor of the State of Texas to Nieves Calderon, in Volume 21, Page 348, Deed records of Brooks County, Texas. 

Motion: to approve tax sale bid, **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 = 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.

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on a Resolution, Election of Appraisal District Board of Directors 2024-2025. 

Motion: to approve nominees Elvaray B. Silvas and August Patroelj, **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.

9. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the 2024 Holiday Calendar. 

Motion: to approve the 2024 Holiday Calendar, **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.

10. Discuss, Consider and Act on opening and awarding bids for the Landfill fence. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos opened up one bid in open Court from Erasmo Munoz in the amount of \$8,080. It was discussed in court that the Road and Bridge will help with clearing up brush along the fence line.

Motion: to table for further information on bid requirements, **Action:** Table, **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.

11. Discuss, Consider and Act on raising the salary of three law enforcement officers and one vacant position to minimum salary of \$45,000 as per SB22 (Law Enforcement Grant).

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that this was requested after the budget was approved. It was discussed that Vince would receive an increase of \$4,250.00, Lamar would receive an increase of \$4,250.00, Luis would receive an increase of \$15,227.77 and the open slot of \$8,332.32. a total of \$27,810.00

August Patroelj, County Auditor suggested a budget adjustment for these increases if it passes, it was discussed that this would be effective immediately.

Motion: to approve the raising of the salaries (to be effective immediately and retroactive till October), **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.

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. (voted again due to the correction of adding retroactive and to be effective immediately)

12. Discuss, Consider and Act on determining compensation for employees who are off on holiday(s).

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 passed (**summary:** Yes = 3, No = 2, Abstain = 0).

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

No: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge.

15. Adjourn


Motion: to adjourn at 10:50 am, **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 = 5).

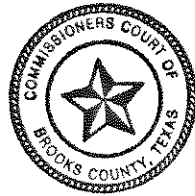
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The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 23rd day of February, 2024, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge



ATTESTED:



County Clerk