


REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT
December 14, 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 9:11 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,
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

AGENDA

1. **Public Comments** 

Evan Huff, Vested Networks Owner/CEO addressed the Court stating that he had spoken with the County Auditor/Judge in reference to some phone issues the County is having and will be back in January.

Angela Ramirez addressed the Court on behalf of her niece and sister-in-law, having to deal with a janitor-which is a County Employee being arrested for sexual assault and still employed by the County, with no disciplinary action taken.

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

Item passed by the Court.

3. **Approve of Bills** 

County Auditor addressed the Court in reference to a bill of \$44,000 from the Appraisal District.

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

August Patroelj, County Auditor presented his monthly report for the month of September 2023; Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented her monthly report for the month of November 2023.


Motion: to approve the monthly reports as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4. 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** 

Information item, no action taken.

6. **Discuss, Consider and Act on approving payment for lost or missing receipts of 3 gas receipts for a total of \$146.55 to be paid from Brooks County Sheriff's Office special funds. (Submitted by Jorge Esparza)** 

Breakdown of Valero Credit Card-


1. 11/08/23 \$15.00
2. 10/20/23 \$46.55
3. 10/20/23 \$85.00

Motion: to pay the gas receipts, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 3, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

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

No: Eric Ramos, County Judge.

7. Discuss, Consider and Act on Retired deputy Garcia purchasing a Ruger Mini 14 Serial # 184-63963 from Brooks County pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 614.051 Purchase of Firearm by Honorably Retired Peace Officer for 36 Years of service to the County. (Submitted by Jorge Esparza) 

Motion: to approve the purchase, **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 = 4).

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

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on removing from inventory item # 4367 described as Ruger Mini 14 Serial # 184-6396. (Submitted by Jorge Esparza)

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos questioned the serial number, being different from the last line item. Jorge Esparza, Commander stated that the Serial number on this line is the correct serial number.

Motion: to remove from inventory, **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 = 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 rebidding for the roof at the Blumer Building. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos informed the Court that Mr. Wilson wanted to be here to address the court on the above matter, and that the two bids that was previously received were to high so is needing to rebid.

Motion: to table until the next meeting, **Action:** Table, **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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -the Court went into Executive at 9: 36 AM

10. Discussion of Disciplinary Action for County Employee(s)

OPEN SESSION- the Court came back into open session at 9:57 AM: present same as before, No action or discussion taken on Executive Session.

11. Adjourn 

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **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 = 4).

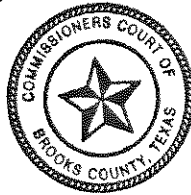
Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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