



REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT
January 11, 2024
10:15 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 10:23 AM 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos asked for a moment of silence for Commissioner Williams who is currently in the hospital fighting a battle.

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,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County & District Clerk (Not voting).

Absent: Ernesto "Pepe" Williams, Commissioner Precinct #4.

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Public Comments 
There were no public comments.

2. Approve of Regular and Special Commissioners' Court minutes. 
Motion: to table to have more time for review, **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, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

3. Approve of Bills and Claims 

Motion: to approve the bills and claims as presented, 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 = 4).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, 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)

Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented her monthly report for the month of December 2023.

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

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

5. Agrilife Extension Reports 

Informational only, no action taken.

6. Discuss, consider and act on a proposal to change the county's phone system to Vested Networks. 

Evan Huff, CEO and Owner of Vested Networks gave a quick presentation of his business to the Commissioners. Sheriff Martinez asked the Court if this is an action item, and asked if they can go by and look at his system before anything is done.

Motion: to table, **Action:** Table, **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 = 4).

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

7. Discuss, Consider and act on approving the external audit of the Brooks County

Budgets ending on September 30, 2021. 

Item was passed by the Court.

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on pay invoice # 46539 from Falfurrias Publishing for Brooks County Christmas Pictures. (Submitted by the Auditor's Office) 

Motion: to approve payment of invoice, **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 = 4).

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

9. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a Joint Resolution for the Democrat and the Rebulician Joint Primary Election for 2024. (Submitted by Elections Administrator)



Motion: to approve Joint 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 = 4).

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

10. Discuss. Consider and Act on allowing Brooks County 4-H to begin phase 1 of shooting. Spots complex on Brooks County Property North of the detention Center.

(Submitted by Nikolo Guerra)

Nikolo Guerra, Ag Extension Agent addressed the Court with information on the shooting complex and the need of 3 acres for this project.

Motion: to approve line item #10, **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 = 4).

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

11. 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 ACCT. No. 01200000L00300; Lot 3, Block 'L', Maupin 1st Addition, an addition to Brooks County, Texas, as described in

Volume 353, Page 667, Official Records of Brooks County, Texas


Motion: to approve purchase of tax sale property, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1. (**on file**)

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

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.

No: Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

12. Discuss, Consider and Act on Offer to purchase tax sale property: Suit No. 15-10-02180- TAX; Brooks County Independent School District and City of Falfurrias vs. Melissa O. Davila Tract No.1: ACCT. NO. 01200000F00500; 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 of Brooks County, Texas. 

Motion: to approve purchase of tax sale property, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1. **(on file)**

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

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.

No: Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

13. Discuss, Consider and Act on Offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 15-06-02150-TX; Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County and City of Falfurrias vs. Evangelina Rosas ACCT. NO. 01300000G00400; Lot 4, Block 'G', Rachal Addition, an addition to the City of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas, as described in Volume 188, Page 803, Official Records of Brooks County, Texas. 

Motion: to approve purchase of tax sale property, **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, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- The Court went into Executive Session at 11:12 AM

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

OPEN SESSION- The Court came back into Open Session at 11:31 AM; Present same as before.

15. Discuss, consider and act on Employment/Resignations/Retirements.
Discussed personnel, no action taken.

16. Adjourn 

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 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 = 4).

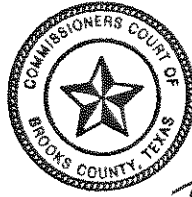
Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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.

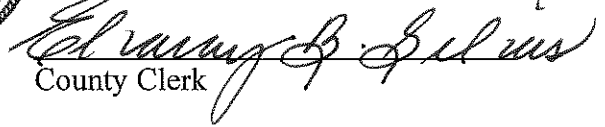
APPROVED:



County Judge



ATTESTED:



County Clerk