


REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT
April 11, 2024
9:00 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 9:12 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,
Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County & District Clerk (Not voting).

Absent: Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2,
Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Public Comments 

Aaron Trevino personally thanked the Elected Officials in working with the City on the roads in the best interest of the citizens.

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

Motion: to approve minutes as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 3).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4.

3. Approve of Bills and Claims 

Motion: to approve the bills and claims as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Marty "Martin" Cabrera, 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 = 3).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4.

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)

Katy Salinas presented her HR Report; Terri A Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented her reports for the months of February and March 2024.

Motion: to approve the monthly reports as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously. (on file)

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 3).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4.

5. Agrilife Extension Reports

Informational item only, no action taken.

6. Information on cost-effective Auction Services for the County.

Gregory Chittum addressed the Court in reference to his business through online marketing and is wanting to add the County to their database, charging the County 10 % of the sale. No action taken discussion only.

Commissioner Gutierrez joined the meeting at 9:27 AM

7. Information on Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation.

Item passed by the Court.

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on request from Loma Blanca Soil & Water Conservation District #328 to Proclaim April 28, 2024, to May 5, 2024, as Soil & Water Stewardship Week. (Submitted by Sherry Garcia Loma Blanca District Clerk)

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read the proclamation in open Court. **Motion:** to approve proclamation, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Marty "Martin" Cabrera, 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, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

9. Discuss, Consider and Act on rescinding line item #8, Professional Services Contract for Forensic Pathologist to provide Autopsy and related services at contracted funeral home facility from March 22, 2024, Special Commissioners Court.

Motion: to rescind the previous motion, **Action:** Approve, **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, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

10. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving Professional Services Contract for Forensic Pathologist to provide Autopsy and related services at contracted funeral home facility.

Motion: to approve contract, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Marty "Martin" Cabrera, 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, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

11. Discuss, Consider and Act to approve a Proclamation recognizing April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read the proclamation in open Court. **Motion:** to approve proclamation, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Marty "Martin" Cabrera, 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, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

12. Discuss status report on fees and fines collections (Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP.)

Motion: to table items 12-15, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4. 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, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

13. Discuss, Consider and Act approving new contract with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP Fees and Fines Contract.

This line item is in conjunction with line item #12.

14. Discuss status report on Delinquent Tax Collection report. (Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP.)

This line item is in conjunction with line item #12.

15. Discuss, Consider and Act approving new contract with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP. Delinquent Tax Contract.

This line item is in conjunction with line item #12.

16. Discuss and possibly approve expenditures and salaries to be funded by the Rural Prosecutors office salary assistance Grant awarded to the Brooks County


Attorney's office. (Submitted by David T Garcia) 

David T. Garcia, County Attorney suggests removing the last item of \$19,753.39 (travel expense, supplies) due to any amount after \$100,000.00 would have to be deducted from the Pretrial fund. Katy Salinas addressed the Court that for the two girl's salaries, it would be added to them as a stipend. Mr. Garcia stated that this is a 2-year grant. It was discussed to start at the next payroll of April 16th.

Motion: to approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4. 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, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

17. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving Invoice # 273835-1 to McIntyre for \$797.27. 

Motion: to approve Invoice, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Marty "Martin" Cabrera, 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, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

The Court went back to line item #7

Aaron Delgadillo, Addressed the Court in reference to services that they can provide to Brooks County for substance use and the want of getting an Memorandum of Understanding in place. It was discussed that this is free service for the County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- The Court went into Executive session at 9:52 AM

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

OPEN SESSION- The Court came back into Open Session 10:17 AM- present same as before, no discussion or action was taken.

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

20. Adjourn 

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved** by Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, **Seconded** by Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

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

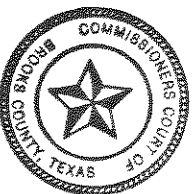
Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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 9th day of Aug, 2024, A.D.

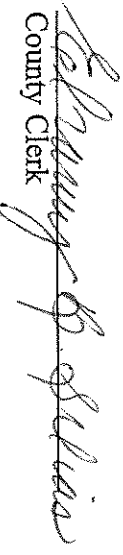
APPROVED:



County Judge



ATTESTED:



County Clerk