


REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT
February 8, 2024
9:30A.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 9:34 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,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County & District Clerk (Not voting).

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Public Comments 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos asked for any public comments.

Gilda Irizarry (Gigi) addressed the Court giving thanks to the County and the Fire department for the fire that happened at 635 W Holland. Also, in reference to the selection of who will be selected for them to be committed to our community and to the precinct.


Jimmy Braswell, DPS Sergeant addressed the Court with an issue in needing porter potties at the weight scales, which are desperately needed for the truck drivers.

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

Motion: to table, **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 

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

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 submitted her HR Report for the months of November 2023, December 2023 and January 2024; Terri A Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented her monthly report.

Motion: to approve the monthly reports 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.

5. Agrilife Extension Reports 

Informational item, no action taken.

6. Information item – County Commissioner Precinct #4 Candidate form 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos informed the Candidates that they had 5 minutes to address the Court. Robert Benavides, Raymond Maldonado, Aaron Trevino, Mae Saenz, Mary Ann Williams, Marty Cabrera, Robert Gonzalez, and Albert Garza each gave their opinions on why they should be the proper candidate for Precinct #4.

10. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the 2021 Audit Report. 

Raul Hernandez, CPA addressed the Court on the above matter with a quick run through on the 2021 Audit Report.

Motion: to approve the 2021 Audit Report, **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 = 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 paying F&D Flooring invoice 3 149925 in the amount of \$88,628.13 for Material and Labor for repairs due to fire loss at 1302 S, St

Mary's Suite D (Community Action Clinic) 

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.

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a Resolution for the 79th Judicial District Drug/Alcohol Court Diversion Program. For the 2025 Fiscal Year. (Submitted by

Albert Ramirez) 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court. **Motion:** to approve resolution, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **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.

9. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving Contract for Adura Engineering Services.



Motion: to approve contract, **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.

11. Discuss, Consider and Act on a proposal to change the County's phone system to

Vested Networks. 

Motion: to change the County's phone system, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eric Ramos, County Judge, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1.

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 approving the Memorandum of Understanding between Brooks County and the City of Falfurrias to work on roads within the

Falfurrias City Limits. 

Motion: to approve Memorandum of Understanding, **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.

13. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$2, 400.00 from 012-5-0409-5400 Prof. fees. Legal to 012-5-0497-5550 Out of County Travel. 

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 = 4).


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

14. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$750.00 from 012-5-0409-5400 Prof. fees-legal, to 012-5-0409-9000 Bonds. 

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 = 4).

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

15. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$2500.00 from 012-5-0409-9500 Technology to new account. 

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 = 4).

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

16. Discuss, Consider and Act on invoice for Erasmo Munoz Fencing. 

Motion: to table, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Eric Ramos, County Judge.


Vote: Motion failed (**summary:** Yes = 2, No = 2, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.

No: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

17. Discuss, Consider and Act on Participating in the OLS Grant for 2024 

Item was passed by the Court, due to being approved in the Resolution.

18. Discuss, Consider, and Act on amending the 2024 Brooks County Budget to include the OLS Budget. 

Item was passed by the Court.

19. Discuss, Consider, and possibly approve of all salaries set for OLS. 

David T. Garcia addressed the Court on the above matter and stated the OLS will be housed in the DPS section at the high school. **Motion:** to approve the salaries set, **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


20. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1000.00 from 012-5-0665-5209 to 012-5-510-9068 for part time help to clean fairgrounds in preparation for Brooks County

Fair. 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **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, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

21. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$2500 from 012-5-0510-5201 (Building Repair-Annex and other) to 012-5-0510-5820 (Vehicle maintenance and repair. 

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 = 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- at 10:58 AM the Court went into Executive Session for consultation.



22. Consultation with Commissioners regarding Appointment of County Commissioner Precinct #4

23. OPEN SESSION- at 11:24 AM the Court came back into Open Session; present same as before. 

24. Adjourn 


Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 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