


REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT
March 14, 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 9:13 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,
Marty "Martin" Cabrera, 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:

Irma Menchaca addressed the Court in reference to the filling of the position for Commissioner ; she gave her condolences for the passing of Commissioner Williams, to his family and the community and extends her congratulations to Commissioner Cabrera, and requested an appointment with Judge Ramos on questions of the filling of the vacancy.

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

Motion: to approve the minutes as presented, **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 = 5).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

3. Approve of Bills and Claims 

Motion: to approve the bills and claims as submitted by the County Auditor, **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, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, 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)

Motion: to approve the monthly reports as submitted, **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, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

5. Agrilife Extension Reports 


Informational only, no action taken.

7. Discussion of current and future TXDOT projects in Brooks County. 

Francisco Cantu, Area Engineer addressed the Court on the above with a discussion of projects in Brooks County; 1st project- cable bearing project in the Encino area completed; starting from the County line Jim Wells overlay of asphalt 3.4 miles to begin next week; 2 seal coats FM 2191-Business 281 to begin in April; 285 passing lanes starting in Jim Hogg County and will jump into Brooks County; 281 overhead signs and some striping. Discussed the largest project for the area is the converting of 281 into an Interstate.

8. Discussion of FY 2022 Post Fire Sub- Grant Award. 

Ruben Ramirez, EMC/Fire Chief addressed the Court on the above matter in reference to a Hazard Mitigation Project that needs to be updated for both the County and the City. No action taken, discussion only.

9. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving Plat for Jersey Trails Estates. (Submitted by Quintanilla, Headley & Associates, Inc. Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors) 

Luis Cavazos employee for Quintanilla Headly & Associates, Inc., addressed the Court on the above matter. The Court asked for clarification on the Jersey Trail Drive whether its public or private property.

Motion: to table, **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 = 5).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

10. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the 2023-2024 Resolution for Operation

Stone Garden. Grant number 3221003 (Submitted by Jorge Esparza) 


Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court.

Motion: to approve the Resolution, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. 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, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

11. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a Resolution for the FY 2024 Operation

Lonestar Grant number 4379303. (Submitted by Sheriff's Office) 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court.

Motion: to approve Resolution, **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 = 5).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

12. Discuss, Consider, and Act on the increases to the annual renewal contract between

Brooks County and The Geo Group. (Submitted by Jorge Esparza) 

Motion: to approve the increase (renewal contract), **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously. (**on file**)

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 4, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4.

No: Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

13. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a Resolution for the FY2025 Local Border

Star Grant number 3001910 (Submitted by Sheriff's Office) 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court.

Motion: to approve resolution, **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 = 5).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

14. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a lease agreement between Brooks County and Community Action Corporation of South Texas, on the lease of 1302 S. St. St.

Mary's Suite A, B, & D, Brooks County. 

Motion: to approve lease agreement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. 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, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

15. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$103.25 from 101-5-0053-8109 Landfill Workers to 101-5-5053-9068 Contract Labor. (Submitted by Ruby Allen) 

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 = 5).


Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

16. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,000.00 from 101-5-0053-5515 Radio Maint. & Repairs, to 101-5-0053-5136 Uniforms. (Submitted by Ruby Allen) 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4. 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, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

17. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying an invoice to Oil Patch \$4,621.04.
(Submitted by Ruby Allen) 

Motion: to pay invoice, **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 = 5).


Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

18. Discuss, Consider and Act on a Financing Proposal from Government Capital Corporation. 

Motion: to approve proposal, **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 = 5).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

19. Discuss, Consider and Act on a Resolution regarding a contract for the purpose of financing. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court.

Motion: to approve resolution, **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 = 5).


Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

20. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying O'Reilly invoices totaling \$786.74 for the repairs of unit 1 & 2 maintenance department. 

Motion: to pay invoices, **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 = 5).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

21. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$900.00 from 012-5-0561-5515 radio maint. to 012-5-0562-8129 Overtime. (Submitted by Jorge Esparza) 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4. 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, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

22. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$400.00 from 012-5-0562-9080


Registration: to 012-5-0562-8129 Overtime. (Submitted by Jorge Esparza) 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 4, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

No: Eric Ramos, County Judge.

23. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$500.00 from 012-5-0562-5550 Out of County travel; to 012-5-0562-8129 Overtime. (Submitted by Jorge Esparza) 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.

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

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4.

No: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

24. Discuss, Consider and Act on Advertising for an RFQ for road engineer. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that this isn't for no specific project, just for general advise.

Motion: to approve, **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 = 5).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

25. Discuss, Consider and Act on purchasing and installing cameras at the Courthouse. 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos passed out some documents in reference to the above matter.

Motion: to table, **Action:** Table, **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 = 5).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

The Court took a quick recess at 10:08 AM, came back into open session at 10:19 AM present same as before.

6. Information Presentation from PlanetBids Via Zoom 

Brian Choyka with PlanetBids gave a quick presentation on the program through Zoom. No action taken, discussion only.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

OPEN SESSION

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

28. Adjourn 

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 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).

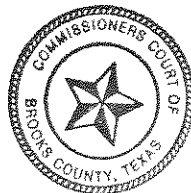
Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Marty "Martin" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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 11th day of April, 2024, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge



ATTESTED:



County Clerk