

**SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**Thursday, May 16, 2024**  
**2nd FLOOR COURTROOM**  
**BROOKS COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this day, the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Brooks County, Texas met in Special 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 1:13 PM 

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**-was led by Judge Eric Ramos

**ROLL CALL**-Judge Eric Ramos called for roll call:

**Present:** Eric Ramos, County Judge,  
Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2,  
Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3,  
Martin "Marty" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4,  
Elvaray B. Silvas, County & District Clerk (Not voting).

**Absent:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1.

**Staff Present:** Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

**AGENDA**


1. **Public Comments**  
There were no public comments.

2. **Approve of Bills** 

**Motion:** to approve the bills as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. **(on file)**

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

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


3. **Consideration and possible action to authorize a contract with TADCO Roofing and Waterproofing, LLC for the Re-roofing and HVAC Replacement on the Blumer Building in Falfurrias, Texas. The contract shall include the Base Bid and Bid Alternates Number 1 & 2 for the fixed cost of three hundred and fourteen thousand and five hundred dollars. (\$314,500.00).**   
Honorable Judge Eric Ramos asked the Court to table this item.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that August Patroelj is not here and has a family emergency to send him good vibes, or prayer and asked the Court for a moment of silence.

**Motion:** to table, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Martin "Marty" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

4. **Discuss, Consider and Act on compensating two technicians (R. Ramirez and J. Gomez) for their work on the Brooks County Communication Tower & Radio System.** 

**Motion:** to table, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Martin "Marty" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Martin “Marty” Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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**5. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying Panoramic Software invoice in the amount of \$495.00 for the VetPro National user annual license (Submitted by Ismael Ortiz)**

**Motion:** to pay invoice, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Martin “Marty” Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Martin “Marty” Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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**6. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice 00046855 for \$300.00 and invoice 00046879 for \$300.00 to Falfurrias Publishing for the publication of RFO’s NO. BC1021.**

**Motion:** to approve line item #6, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Martin “Marty” Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Martin “Marty” Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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**7. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$700.00 from line item 101-5-0053-5000 Office supplies to 101-5-0053-5196 Uniforms. (Submitted by Ruby Allen)**

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Martin “Marty” Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Martin “Marty” Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. Judge Ramos made a correction to the line item 101-5-0053-5000 to 101-5-0053-5136.

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**8. Discuss, Consider and Act on moving \$12,500 from line item 012-5-0512-8105 (Jailers) to line item 012-5-0512-8129 (Overtime).**

Commander Jorge Esparaza informed the Court on some of the reasons for this transfer. **Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

**Abstain:** Martin “Marty” Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4.

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**9. Discuss, Consider and Act on moving \$600.00 from line item 012-5-0512-5550 (Out of County Travel) to 012-5-0512-5000 (Office Supplies).**

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Martin “Marty” Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Eric Ramos, County Judge. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Martin “Marty” Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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**10. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying Invoice # E406843 and Invoice # E406844 to Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Computer Service Center for \$527.00 and \$192.00 from line item (012-5-0665-5135).**

**Motion:** to pay invoice, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Martin “Marty” Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Martin “Marty” Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

11. Discuss, Consider and Act on moving \$14,000.00 from line item 012-5-0512-8105 (Jailers) to line item 012-5-0409-5410 (Prof fees - Acct/Auditing)

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Martin “Marty” Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Eric Ramos, County Judge. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Martin “Marty” Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

12. Discuss, Consider and Act on moving \$1,000.00 from line item 012-5-0512-8105 (Jailers) to line item 012-5-0400-5105 (Gas & Oil Expense)

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Martin “Marty” Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Martin “Marty” Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

13. Discuss, Consider and Act transferring \$3,500.00 from 012-5-0409-5417 (Grant Matching) to 012-5-0510-5206 (Elevator Maintenance)

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Martin “Marty” Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Martin “Marty” Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

14. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$500 from 012-5-0409-5414 (Grant Matching) to 012-5-0510-5820 (Repairs and Maintenance Vehicle)

A correction was made on the line item 012-5-0409-5414 to read 012-5-0409-5417.

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, **Seconded by** Martin “Marty” Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Yes: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Martin “Marty” Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

15. Discuss the recent raises for the County Attorney's Office for clarification.

The Court held a discussion on the issues that have been brought up. No action was taken, discussion only.

16. Presentation from KE Andrews on solar facility in Northeast Brooks County and possible abatement.

Conner Danahy, NextEra addressed the Court on the above, with a quick presentation on this project.

17. Adjourn

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting 1:53 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Martin “Marty” Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. Motion passed unanimously.

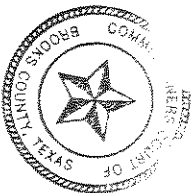
**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

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

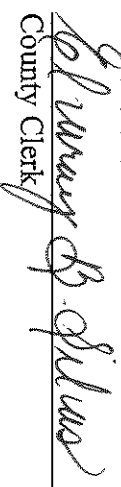
The preceding minutes beginning on page \_\_\_\_\_ and ending on page \_\_\_\_\_, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume \_\_\_\_\_, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 8th day of Aug, 2024, A.D.

APPROVED:

  
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County Judge



ATTESTED:

  
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County Clerk