

# SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT

June 3, 2024

9:00 A.M.

## 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 9:17 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,  
Martin "Marty" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4,  
Elvaray B. Silvas, County & District Clerk (Not voting).

**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.

There were no minutes for approval, Item was passed.

#### 3. Approve of Bills

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

#### 4. Consider 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 recommends to the Court to table this item once again, in order to talk to a financial advisor on a loan for improvements.

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

#### 5. Discussion of housing departments that are overcrowded and/or working from home.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos informed the Court that the County is 2 weeks away from the completion of one of the trailers where the Juvenile Department will be housed. Discussed the completion of the other trailer and housing the 2 departments still working from home by July. The other concern is the housing of Adult Probation department. No action taken, discussion only.

**6. Discuss, consider and act on using Fund 31 to provide \$44,000 to complete the Lopez**

**Park Walking Trail**

**Motion:** to approve, **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, Martin "Marty" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

**7. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$19,500.00 from line item 012-5-0409-8202 (County Medical Insurance to line item 012-5-0409-5410 (Prof. fees-Accounting/Auditing))**

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Martin "Marty" 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 = 5).

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

**8. Presentation by Brooks County Communications Tower Committee.**

Susan Kibbe, Executive Director South Texas Properties Rights Association Board/Committee addressed the Court on the above matter. Justin Zelaya, SWZ/Committee also addressed the Court on the above matter. Sheriff Martinez, JV Rivera, Ruben Ramirez, John Gomez are also members of this Committee. August Patroelji, County Auditor addressed the Court for the record addressing the fact that there is still no money being collected and understands that the only thing holding this is MOUs. Ruben Ramirez, EMC/Fire Chief informed the Court that some MOU's are just awaiting amounts and to be billed. Commissioner Villarreal addressed the Court asked if this money coming in is to be earmarked for certain things; Mr. Ramirez stated that revenue generated will help maintain this project and tower space could also be leased to other major companies. Presentation only, no action taken.

**9. Discuss, consider and act on creating an Emergency Management Coordinator position to include EMC duties currently funded through contracted services and Brooks County Communication Tower duties.**

**Motion:** to create the Emergency Management Coordinator position under Ruben Ramirez at a salary of \$40,000.00 and an additional \$15,000.00 for supervising/maintaining tower operations in south Brooks County, **Action:** Adjourn, **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 = 5).

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

It was discussed that this begins effective June 1<sup>st</sup> and to create a line item for the additional \$15,000.00.

**10. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$12,750 from line item 012-5-0630-9068**

**(Contract Labor) to line item 012-5-0630-8102 (Appointed Official).**

August Patroelji, County Auditor stated that this could not be done to just approve with the wording that a new line item to be created by the Auditor.

**Motion:** to approve the line item transfer (to a new line item to be created by the Auditor), **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, Martin "Marty" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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**11. Discuss, consider, and act on transferring \$350.00 from line item 012-5-0561-9080 (Registration) to line item 012-5-0562-8129 (Overtime). Submitted by Commander**

**Esparza** 

**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 = 5).

**Yes:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, 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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**12. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$300.00 from line item 012-5-0561 (Uniforms) to line item 012-5-0562-8129 (Overtime). Submitted by Commander**

**Esparza** 

A correction was made to the line item to correct line item 012-5-0561 to 012-5-0561-5136

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

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**13. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$12,100.00 from line item 012-5-0512-8105 (Jailers) to line item 012-5-0512-8129 (Overtime). Submitted by Commander Esparza**



**Motion:** to approve the 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 = 5).

**Yes:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, 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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**14. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$3000.00 from line item 012-5-0512-5450 (Prisoner Medical Expense) to line item 012-5-0512-5800 (Repairs-Maintenance**


**Buildings) Submitted by Commander Esparza** 

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Martin "Marty" 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 = 5).

**Yes:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, 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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**15. Discuss, consider and act on rescinding the approval of expenditures and salary increases as per agenda item '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" on April 11, 2024.** 

Item was passed by the Court, has been resolved.

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**16. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$4,000.00 from 012-5-0435-5484 Crt Appt**

**Attys Criminal to 012-5-0435-9051 Grand Jury.** 

**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 = 5).

**Yes:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, 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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**17. Adjourn** 

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Martin "Marty" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

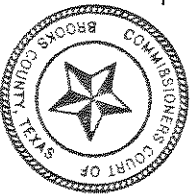
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The preceding minutes beginning on page \_\_\_\_\_ and ending on page \_\_\_\_\_, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume \_\_\_\_\_, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 8<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 2024, A.D.

**APPROVED:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
County Judge



**ATTESTED:**  
  
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County Clerk