


REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT
June 13, 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 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 9:07 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,
Martin "Marty" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County & District Clerk (Not voting).

Absent: Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3.


AGENDA

1. Public Comments 

There were no public comments.

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

None presented, Item was passed.

3. Approve Bills 

Motion: to approve the bills as presented, **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, Martin "Marty" 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)

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos discussed the County Treasurer's report for the months of February 2024-April 2024, the only thing is when the Court receives the May report a correction needs to be made on the Certificates of Deposit- General Fund actually have One Million Five hundred.

Motion: to approve the monthly reports as presented, **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, Martin "Marty" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

5. AgriLife Extension Reports
Informational only, no action taken.

6. Discuss, Consider and Act on a Proclamation naming June as Men's Health Month
Honorable Judge read Proclamation in open Court.

Motion: to approve Proclamation, **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 = 4).

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

7. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice 00046998 for \$490.00 and invoice #00047019 for \$490.00 for a total of \$980.00 to Falfurrias Publishing for notice of Election in the amount of. (Submitted by Anna Garcia)

Motion: to pay invoice, **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 = 4).

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

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on revised sections C-1: County Property usage and C-2: County Vehicle usage of the Brooks County Employee Handbook.

Motion: to approve the policy changes and additions, **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, Martin "Marty" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

9. Discuss, Consider and Act on selecting a road Engineer for RFO's BC1021.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos made reference to two proposals that were turned in (R Gutierrez Engineering and Hanson Engineering). Marcos Ybarra and Sarah DeBerry addressed the Court on the above matter, with a quick presentation on their company.

Motion: to approve Hanson Engineering to be our Engineering firm, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Martin "Marty" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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

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


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

10. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying Trevino Auto works for \$7.00 invoice # 315024 for an annual inspection on Ramiro Gonzalez' unit.

Motion: to pay invoice, **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 = 4).

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

11. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$500.00 from 012-5-0435-5548 (Crt reporter travel reimbursement) to 012-5-0435-5543 (Out of County travel) 

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

12. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$255.00 from 012-5-0400-9080

(Registration Fees) to 012-5-0403-5550 (Out of County Travel) 

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 = 4).

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

13. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$2,000.00 from 012-5-0409-5417 (Grant

Matching) to 012-5-0400-5550 (Out of County Travel) 

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 = 4).

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

14. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$10,000.00 from 013-5-0033-5865

(Equipment Rental to a new account 013-5-0033-5417 (Grant Matching) 

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 = 4).


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

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Item was passed by the Court.

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

OPEN SESSION

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

17. Budget Workshop 

The Court discussed the following:

- Honorable Judge gave the Commissioners a budget with history of 3 years for review; and stated that he had three concerns:
 - estimate tax values (decrease of \$710,433.37) but have a cushion to cover this is the \$300,000 loan that has been paid off and will be receiving \$100,000 from other sources
 - Discussed the possibility of raising taxes
 - going out for bids for insurance (deciding to go fully funded or self-funded), getting some numbers with TAC for health insurance and won't have anything until July 8th

18. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **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 = 4).

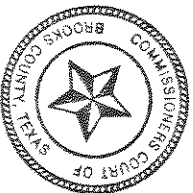
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The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 2nd day of August, 2024, A.D.


APPROVED:



County Judge



ATTESTED:



County Clerk