


SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
Thursday, August 29, 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 9:03 AM 

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.

AGENDA

1. Public Comments 


Jorge Esparza, Commander addressed the Court in reference to the Jail.

2. Approve of Bills 

Motion: to approve the bills as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Martin "Marty" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. Motion passed unanimously. (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. Discuss, Consider and Act on opening and awarding Bids a one-year contract on the following. 

A. Fuel and Lubricant

B. Pest for Pest Control and Termite Inspection

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that we got one bid for each. Judge Ramos opened the only bid for Fuel and Lubricant from Oil Patch, with the same as last year.

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

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos opened a bid for Pest Control from South Texas Pest Control on a quarterly basis in the amount of \$795.00.

Motion: to approve bid from South Texas Pest Control, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Martin "Marty" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously. (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.

4. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$2,000 from 012-5-0400-8103 (Secretary) to 012-5-0435-5481 (CRT APPT ATTYS-Civil)

Motion: to approve, **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.

5. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$3,375.00 from line item 012-5-0435-5484, to 012-5-0435-5481 CRT Appt. Attys-Civil

Motion: to approve to line item #5, **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: Eric Ramos, County Judge, Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, Martin "Marty" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

6. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$250 from 012-5-0400-8103 (Secretary) to 012-5-0510-5201 (Bldg Repairs-Annex and other)

Motion: to approve, **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.

7. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$1,400 from 012-5-0400-8103 (Secretary) to 012-5-0510-5105 (Gas and Oil Expense)

Motion: to approve agenda item #7, **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.

8. Discussion on a Salary increase to JP #1 head clerk in the upcoming 2024-2025 Budget year.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos informed the Court that he did look into salaries in this category for anyone that has worked for 10 years and at the same salary pay. Judge Ramos did state that he found some at the Landfill but within 5-6 years of employment and that this is the only position at \$26,500 for 10 years. Commissioner Cabrera makes a recommendation for the County Auditor to look into a pay scale for the future.

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

It was discussed that increase would be effective on the new budget.

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.

9. Discuss, Consider and Act on scoring and awarding the EPA Community Changes Program RFP for Management Services.


Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that they received 2 bids and one was sent to the post office and that it was received on time (for the RFQ).

Judge Ramos informed the Court that they received one proposal from Resources Mobility Associates, Francisco Briones for the 20 million dollar grant that has been discussed which is due in November. Commissioner Cabrera instructed to the Court that the County Auditor be involved with Mr. Briones on this grant. It was discussed that this is a 100% grant and are unclear if it's a reimbursement grant and want to make sure.

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.

10. Discuss, Consider and Act on scoring and awarding the EPA Community Changes Program RFO for A/E Services. 

Motion: to table, **Action:** Table, **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.


11. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving an MOU between the Brooks County Sheriff's Office and Brooks County Independent School District. 

Commander Esparza addressed the Court informing the Court that we pay for 2 officers.

Motion: to approve agenda item #11, **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: 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 approving an MOU between the Brooks County Sheriff's Office and the Premont Police Department. (Submitted by Sheriff's Office) 

Commander Esparza addressed the Court on the above matter with a quick explanation.

Motion: to approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Martin "Marty" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Eric Ramos, County Judge. Motion passed unanimously. (**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.

13. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$600.00 from 013-5-0033-5550 Out of County Travel; to 013-5-0033-9070 Miscellaneous. (Submitted by David Guerra) 

Motion: to approve, **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.

The Court went back to line items 4, 6 and 7 to correct the line item  from 012-5-0400-8103 to 012-5-0400-8105.

Motion: to approve the correction, **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.

14. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice # 2810693 to Kings III for the courthouse elevator phone, in the amount of \$195.00 

Motion: to pay invoice, **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.

Addendum

1. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice in the amount of \$790.10 to Hart Intercivic from Election expenses.

Motion: to pay invoice, **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.

15. Budget Workshop

Discussed Fund 12

- Still waiting on the Salary-benefits
- Honorable Judge Eric Ramos did say that there were no other changes besides the action that was taken today for JP#1
- Auditor did find a change of \$19,000 that needs to be adjusted
- traffic officer still being discussed and the possibility of the hiring at the beginning of the budget year; moving the salary of Ms. Mora to CID
- The extra \$5,000 being included for the jail for maintenance

Discussed Fund 13

- Judge Ramos stated that he submitted a budget that included \$120,000 for each commissioner, the County Auditor looked into this and was informed that in order to do this, would need to use \$750,000 from the fund balance leaving \$400,000 plus. It was discussed to lower the amount or skip a year; it was discussed to further discuss this at the next meeting; discussed the option of using a different material for the use of road repairs.

16. Adjourn

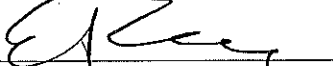
Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Martin "Marty" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

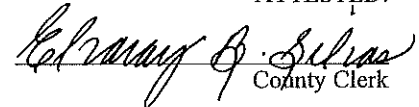
The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 12th day of December, 2024, A.D.

APPROVED:


County Judge



ATTESTED:


County Clerk