


SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
Friday, August 16, 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 9:06 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.

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Public Comments 


There were no public comments said at this time.

2. Approve of Bills 

Motion: to approve of the bills as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, **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: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Martin "Marty" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

3. Discuss, consider and act to paying invoice from Resources Mobility Services for work on the 2024 TDEM Hazard Mitigation Plan in the amount of \$16,000.00. 

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

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

4. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$500.00 from line item 012-5-0497-5550 Out of County Travel; to line item 012-5-0497-5000 Supplies. (Submitted by Alan Hernandez) 

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.

5. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice to Speedy Printing in the amount of \$340.00 for the purchase of envelopes for JP #2.

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

6. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$250.00 from line item 012-5-0435-5484 Crt. Appt. Attys. Criminal, to line item 012-5-0435-5543 Out of County Travel.

(Submitted by 79th District Court.)

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: 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 transferring \$137.26 from 012-5-0665-5000 office supplies, \$36.22 from 012-5-0665-5209 JM Alaniz Fairgrounds, and \$270.86 from 012-5-0665-5550 Out of County Travel. Into line item 012-5-0665-5135 Supplies

Other. (Submitted by Kikolo Guerra)

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.

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice #315237 to Trevino Auto Works in the amount of \$7.00 for the annual inspection of Constable Alberto Gonzalez' unit.

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

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

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that Mr. Garza came to him to discuss this and is asking for a \$2,000.00 increase, to match the head clerk of JP#2. Discussion only and would be considered in the budget workshop

10. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying Invoice # 5466 to Jaime's Air Conditioning & Refrigeration in the amount of \$668.00.

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.

11. 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

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

12. Budget Workshop

The Court discussed the following increases/decreases to the budget for fiscal year 2024-2025: Judge Ramos mentioned that he emailed a copy of the budget, but some changes have been made and that we have a balanced budget.

- Reviewed County Auditor increase to staff of 5% with budget adjustments to the budget making no changes to the budget;
- Total expenditures for the year being \$7,025,171 with a surplus of \$4,343.00; there has been some adjustments made since the report was made and will have an extra \$19,000
- Cuts/Increases were made to each office budget (**on file**)
 - Added another \$5,000 to jail building and maintenance
 - Discussed the budget transfers to other Funds
 - The increases to the DA Investigator and Secretaries that was done through a grant and the possibility of removing or keeping (totaling about \$17,000)

The Court went back to discuss line item #9 

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that the actual amount is \$2,625.00: it was discussed by Commissioner Gutierrez to give the increase. Commissioner Cabrera has an issue with the unfairness and unbalance and is wondering of how many other employees with the same situation and how will this affect our budget, if the Court gives the salary increase.

Motion: to table to look into further information, **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: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Martin "Marty" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

13. EPA Grant Workshop

Francisco Briones addressed the Court with a presentation of this workshop, reviewed some activities that the Court could do with this grant; and stated that the deadline is November 21st. Jorge Lazaro, with Fulcrum also addressed the Court on how this grant opportunity came about with the Biden Administration; EPA (climate change) with one of the biggest goals is monies that have already been earmarked for counties that are border counties/disadvantaged communities. He informed the Court to come up with a plan on projects wanted and to do a community outreach to get the publics involvement.

14. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 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).

Yes: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, 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 10th day of December, 2024, A.D.


APPROVED:



County Judge



ATTESTED:



County Clerk