

**REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**November 14, 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 Ed Rachal Memorial Library Conference Room:

**OPEN MEETING** -Judge Eric Ramos opened the meeting at 9:09 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.

**Absent:** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3,  
Elvaray B. Silvas, County & District Clerk.

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

**AGENDA**

**1. Public Comments**

Irma Perez Chapa, addressed the Court in reference to break-ins in Precinct 2 and her concerns, asking the Court for help and lighting(installing).

**6. TXDOT introduction of the new Area Engineer Danny Flores to committee which he will be discussing his role with the department and present / future scheduled operations for the area Brooks County.**

Freddie Balderas addressed the Court introducing Danny Flores. Danny Flores, TxDOT Area Engineer addressed the Court in reference in replacing Francisco Cantu. Informed the Court on the ongoing/upcoming projects in Brooks County: signage, Highway 281 construction, FM 755, FM 3066. No action taken, discussion only.

**7. Discuss, Consider and Act on awarding to selected grant management firm for grant pre-application, application, and implementation services for Brooks County 2025 Colonia Fund: Construction Grant Fund Program as administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. If applicable, Brooks County designated representative is authorized to negotiate and agree to a final fee on behalf of Brooks County.**

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court and stated that the County only received one application Million dollar grant with no match and due December 9<sup>th</sup> (application due) June 30<sup>th</sup> phase 2 and grants are awarded Fall of 2025 and granted February 2026.

**Motion:** to award to GrantWorks, **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.

**8. Discuss, Consider, Act on a resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2025-2026 Community Development Fund**

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court.

**Motion:** to approve resolution, **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.

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**22. Discuss, Consider and Act on canvassing the votes of the November general election.**

**Motion:** to approve the canvassing of the November General Election, **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.

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

Passed by the Court.

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**3. Approve of Bills and Claims**

**Motion:** to approve the bills, **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.

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**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)

Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector addressed the Court with her monthly report for the month of October 2024.

**Motion:** to approve monthly reports 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:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Martin "Marty" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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**5. Agrillife Extension Reports**

Informational item, no action taken.

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**9. Discuss, Consider and Act on purchasing 10 new portable radios for a total amount of \$26,318.50 from 013-5-0033-5515 (Radio Maint & repair) (Submitted by David Guerra)**

**Motion:** to approve purchasing of 10 new portable radios, **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.

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**11. Discuss, Consider and Act on incentive pay for CDL licenses for the Landfill department, to be issued the last pay period oof November. (Submitted by Ruby Allen)**

**Motion:** to approve incentive pay, **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.

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**10. Discuss, Consider and Act on incentive pay for CDL, Animal Control and Vector licenses for Road and Bridge department to be issued the last pay period of November 2024. (Submitted by David Guerra)**

**Motion:** to approve incentive pay for Jose Azocar, Rosendo Garcia, David Guerra, Samuel Maldonado, Rene Martinez, Jose Saenz, **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.

**Motion:** incentive pay for Jose Cabrera, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Eric Ramos, County Judge.

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

**Yes:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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

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**12. Discuss, Consider, and act on approving Revenue Share Agreement Between Brooks County Sheriff's Office, Justice of the Peace Offices and Trusted Driver.**

Jorge Esparza, Commander addressed the Court with a brief explanation on the software.

**Motion:** to approve agreement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. (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.

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**13. Discuss, Consider and Act on 2025 Brooks County Resolution Indigent Defense Grant Program.**

**Motion:** to approve resolution, **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. Motion passed unanimously.

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**14. Discuss, Consider and Act on update Operation and Maintenance Manuel for Brooks County Airport.**

**Motion:** to approve, **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.

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**15. Discuss, Consider and Act submittal resolution to EPA Community Changes Program.**

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

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**16. Discuss, Consider and Act on a submittal resolution to GLO-DRRP for funding of FM 101 Improvements.**

Item was passed to clarify some issues.

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**17. Discuss, Consider and Act on a submittal resolution to USDA Community Facilities Program for funding of FM 101 Improvements.**

Item was passed to clarify some issues.

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**18. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving payment for lost or missing gas receipts to Valero for \$10.00. (Submitted by Sheriff's office)**

**Motion:** to approve payment, **Action:** Approve, Moved by Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded** by Martin "Marty" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

**Vote:** Motion failed (summary: Yes = 2, No = 2, Abstain = 0).

**Yes:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Martin "Marty" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4.

**No:** Eric Ramos, County Judge, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

Commander Jorge Esparza informed the Court that this will be paid from a different account just needs the approval.

**Motion:** to rescind the voting, **Action:** Approve, Moved by Eric Ramos, County Judge, **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.

**Motion:** to approve payment, **Action:** Approve, Moved by Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, **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.

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**19. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice to docusign Inc. for signature services in the amount of \$2,760.00 from line item 012-5-0409-9500 technology.**

**Motion:** to approve payment of 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.

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**20. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice to Leo Garza's Plumbing in the amount of \$307.00. from line item 012-5-0510-5201 Bldg. Repairs-Annex & Other.**

**Motion:** to approve payment of invoice, **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.

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**21. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying Duval Energy rentals and services in the amount of \$6,000.00 from line item 012-5-0409-9070 Miscellaneous.**

**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.

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**23. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the 2025 Holiday Calendar.**

**Motion:** to approve holiday schedule, **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.

**24. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice to Moon Rock Construction, LLC in the amount of \$12,500.00 from line item 012-5-0409-9070 Miscellaneous.**

**Motion:** to approve 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.

**25. Discuss, consider and act on adopting a resolution electing the County's Eligibility to Participate in Tax Abatements pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.**

**Motion:** to table line items 25 and 26, **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.

**26. Discuss, Consider and Act on adopting the County's Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.**

Line item was in conjunction with line item #25.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-The Court went into Executive Session at 10:10 AM**

**27. Discuss Employment/Resignations/Retirements and other Personnel Issues.**

**28. Consultation with attorney regarding lawsuit settlement**

**OPEN SESSION**

**29. Discuss, Consider, and Act on Employment/Resignations/Retirements.**

Item was passed by the Court.

**30. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the payment of a lawsuit settlement for \$32,500.**

**Motion:** to approve payment, **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.

**ADDENDUM**

**1. Discuss, Consider and Act on incentive pay for Class A Municipal Solid waste (MSW) Facility Supervisor license and OSSF-Designated Representative to be issued the last pay period, November, 2024.**

**Motion:** to approve incentive pay, **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.

**ADDENDUM**

2. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$300 from 012-5-0510-9505 (Capital Outlay) to 012-5-0510-9068 (Contract Labor)

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

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**31 Adjourn**


**Motion:** to adjourn at 10:35 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 = 4).


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

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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 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, A.D.

APPROVED:

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



 **ATTESTED:**  
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County Clerk