

REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT
December 12, 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 9:09 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,
Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3,
Martin "Marty" Cabrera, Commissioner Precinct #4,

Absent: Elvaray B. Silvas, County & District Clerk (Not voting).

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Public Comments

There were no public comments said at this time.

3. Approve of Bills and Claims

Motion: to approve the bills, **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 = 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.

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

Motion: to approve the minutes as presented, **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.

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 presented her monthly report for the month of November.

Motion: to approve the monthly reports as presented, **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 = 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. Agrilife Extension Reports

Informational item, no action taken.

6. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice to AMG printing & mailing in the amount of \$140.00 for Elections. (Submitted by Anna Garcia)

Motion: to approve, **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 = 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 paying invoice to McIntyre Lumber in the amount of \$366.83 from line items 012-5-0510-5508 Blumer, Hospital Annex.

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 = 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. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice to Raul Hernandez & Company, P.C. In the amount of \$11,500.00 from line item 012-5-0409-5410 Prof. Fees-Acct & Auditing for auditing services for the FY24 Sheriff's Forfeiture Fund.

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 = 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.

9. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice to Raul Hernandez & Company, P.C. In the amount of \$15,000.00 from line item 012-5-0409-5410 Prof. Fees-Acct & Auditing for auditing services for FY 24.

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 = 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.

10. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice to Raul Hernandez & Company, P.C. In the amount of \$15,000.00 from line item 012-5-0409-5410 Prof. Fees-Acct & Auditing

Item was skipped, is a duplicate to Agenda item #9.

11. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice to Kings III for Elevator Communications in the amount of \$203.50 from line item 012-5-0409-9070

Miscellaneous

Motion: to approve, **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 = 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.

12. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying Nueces Elevator Company in the amount of \$900.00 for Elevator repairs from line item 012-5-0510-5206 Elevator Maintenance.

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 = 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.

13. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a one-time \$2,000.00 incentive for Tax Office employees.

Passed at the moment would discuss this at the end of the meeting.

14. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 10-06-01857-TX; Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County and City of Falfurrias vs. Ernesto G. Barrera Sr. Acct. No. 01200000A00101; North ½ lot 1, Block 'A', Maupin Addition, Original Townsite to the City of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas as described in Volume 120, Page 521, Deed Records of Brooks County, Texas.

Motion: to approve, **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 = 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.

15. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer purchase tax sale property Suit No. 10-06-01866-TX Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County and City of Falfurrias vs Rogelio Salinas and Belinda Salinas Acct. No 01200000F00700; 50.00 feet by 150.00 feet, containing 0.1722 acre, more or less, being Lot 7, Block 'F', Maupin First Addition, an addition to the City of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas, as described indeed dated April 30, 2009, from Bruno Manuel Trevino to Cindy Aversa, in volume 299, Page 89, Official Records of Brooks County, Texas.

Motion: to approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Horacio Villarreal III, Commissioner Precinct #3, **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.

16. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 11-05-01914-TX; Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County and City of Falfurrias vs. J L Barth Co Acct. No 01000002100100; Lot 21, La Colonia Mexicana Addition, an addition to the City of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 45, Page 503, Deed Records of Brooks

County, Texas; SAVE & EXCEPT however, that certain 0.120 acre tract described in Volume 328, Page 1, Official Records of Brooks County, Texas.

Motion: to approve, **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.

17. Discuss, Consider and Adopt Brooks County Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria.

Cesar Vasquez, KEAndrews Tax Consultant addressed the Court on the above matter with a quick presentation on the guidelines and criteria.

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

18. Discuss, Consider and Act on a Resolution Electing to be Eligible to Participate in a Tax Abatement pursuant to Texas Tax Code 312.002(a).

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court.

Motion: to approve, **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 = 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.

19. Discuss and Consider Adopting an Order Establishing a Reinvestment Zone to be known as "Brooks County Reinvestment Zone 2024-01"

Motion: to approve, **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.

20. Discuss, Consider and Act on property owners' proposed project to self-fund repairs to County Road 406.

Motion: to approve, **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.

21. Discuss scheduling repairs for the county roads in Southern Brooks County.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court with the concerns of CR 309 and CR 315. Juan Azocar road and Bridge Assistant Foreman addressed the Court on how the repairs are done. It was discussed that within the next 2 weeks repairs will be started in the precinct. Elisa Torres expressed her concerns on the roads and the neglect that has been going on within the last 6 months, Mrs. Torres stated that you either scrape the bottom of your vehicle or the sides (roads need to be repaired and trees need to be cut). No action taken, discussion only.

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

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

OPEN SESSION--At 10:39 AM the Court came back into Open Session; Present same as before.

23. Discuss, Consider, and Act on Employment/Resignations/Retirements.
No discussion, nor action was taken.

The Court went back to discuss Line Item #13.

Teresa A Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector addressed the Court on the above matter. Discussion was made that the money for this incentive is coming from the Consolidation Fund (excess) and that herself and the Sheriff have spoken to the other entities, and that they are ok with the usage. Katy Salinas, HR asked for the creation of a line item for this transfer.

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

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 4, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

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

No: Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court, stating that this was the last Regular meeting with Commissioners 3 and 4, and wanted to extend his appreciation on what they have done, since this is not an easy job.

24. Adjourn


Motion: to adjourn at 10:50 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 = 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.

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 13th day of January, 2025, A.D.

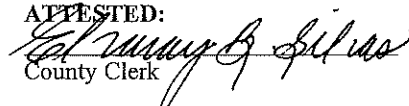
APPROVED:



County Judge



ATTESTED:



County Clerk