REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT

January 13, 2025 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 9:01 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, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4.

Absent: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Elvaray B. Silvas, County & District Clerk.

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos welcomed the newly Elected Commissioners and new County Auditor.

1. Public Comments

Elisa Torres addressed the Court on the County Roads in Encino needing work, work order has been in place for 4 months.

Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, on shedding some light on OLS funds and have hired 2 EMT's at the Falfurrias Volunteer Fire Department and on a personal issue where they came out and helped her family and applauds them.

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

Motion: to approve the minutes of 11/14/2024, 11/21/2024, 12/06/2024, 12/12/2024 and 12/16/2024, Action: Approve, Moved by Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Seconded by Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

3. Approve of Bills and Claims

Motion: to approve the bills and claims as presented, Action: Approve, Moved by Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, Seconded by Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously. (On file)

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

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, 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)

 Item was passed at this time.

5. Agrilife Extension Reports

Informational Item, no action taken.

6. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on paying Falfurrias publishing invoice # 00047707 in</u> the amount \$648.00 from line item 012-5-0409-9070 Miscellaneous.

Motion: to approve invoice, Action: Approve, Moved by Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, Seconded by Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

7. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a resolution to submit grant application to USDA Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CDWG) program.</u>

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos, read resolution in open Court.

Motion: to approve, Action: Approve, Moved by Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Seconded by Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously. (On file)

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

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

8. Public Hearing on the final draft Brooks County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that it is required by law every 2 years. Ruben Ramirez, Fire Chief/EMC stated that this Plan is for the County and the City of Falfurrias. Judge Ramos mentioned that previously we had applied for grants but were denied due to strategy not included in the plan. Grant being applied for ends in May. Public Hearing only, no action taken.

At 9:24 AM Elvaray B. Silvas, County and District Clerk joined the meeting.

9. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a resolution the Brooks County 2025</u> <u>Hazard Mitigation Plan to the Texas Division of Emergency Management.</u>

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court.

Motion: to accept the 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan and Resolution, Action: Approve, Moved by Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Seconded by Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously. (On file)

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

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

10. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the final sale of the Blumer Building to the ERF Real Estate, Inc.</u>

At 9:28 AM Commissioner Eddy Garza joined the meeting.

The Court discussed this item stating that it was to purchase for \$150,000 and to be leased back to the County at \$6,000 a year. It was discussed to revisit this line-item so that a copy of the contract be given to them. Commissioner Trevino asked when the county would be ready to lease, it was stated that 8 months to a year. Item passed at the moment.

11. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying the Falfurrias Fire Department's Electricity bills out of fund 012 (general fund.), Department 0409 (Misc.)

Motion: to approve paying the electricity bill, Action: Approve, Moved by Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Seconded by Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

12. Discuss, Consider and Act on the bonds of the newly elected officials for 2025 and all other previous bonds not approved.

Motion: to approve, Action: Approve, Moved by Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Seconded by Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

13. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the 2025R Brooks 01 proposal to erect a new beacon pole with a LED beacon and OB light.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos and the Court discussed this item, it was discussed that the cost would be through the RAMP Grant. Angela Garcia, Assistant Auditor informed the Court that this would be covered under the RAMP Grant and is reimbursed at 90%.

Motion: to approve, Action: Approve, Moved by Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Seconded by Eric Ramos, County Judge. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

14. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$10,900.00 from 012-5-0400-8103 Admin, Asst. to line item 012-5-0512-8000 Repairs, Maint. BLDS.

Motion: to approve, Action: Approve, Moved by Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Seconded by Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

15. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$101.00 from line item 012-5-0475-9514 Capital Outlay, to line item 012-5-0409-9000 Official Employee Bonds.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos made reference to the change of the amount to \$220.00.

Motion: to approve, 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 = 5).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

Went back to line item #4

Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector addressed the Court with her monthly report.

Motion: to approve the monthly reports, Action: Approve, Moved by Nora Salinas, 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 = 5).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Went into Executive Session at 10:06 AM.

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

<u>OPEN SESSION</u>- The Court came back into Open Session at 10:51 AM, Present same as before.

| 17. Discuss, Consider, and Act on Employment/Resignations/Retirements. No actions taken. |
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| Went back to discuss line item #10. The Court reviewed the Contract and discussed that when the County is to rent, would rent at 4 % of 150,000 equaling \$6,000.00 a year. Motion: to approve, 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 = 5). Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. |
| Motion: to adjourn 10:55 AM, Action: Adjourn, Moved by Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Seconded by Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1. Motion passed unanimously. Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5). Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, 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 Odday of (200) , 2025, A.D. |
| County Judge ATTESTED: AUTUS South County Clerk County Clerk |