REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT February 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 9:05 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, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4,

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

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Public Comments

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos asked for any public comments:
Elissa Torres addressed the Court on getting some help for David for the issue on the roads.

2. Approve of Regular and Special Commissioners' Court minutes. Item passed by the Court.

3. Approve of Bills and Claims

Motion: to approve, Action: Approve, Moved by Nora Salinas, 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: 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.

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)

Higinio Garcia Jr, County Auditor gave a quick follow-up on his monthly report for the month of January 2025; Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented her monthly report for the month of January 2025.

Motion: to approve reports as presented, Action: Approve, Moved by Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Seconded by Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3. 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.

5. Agrilife Extension Reports

Informational item, no action taken.

6. <u>Presentation by Michael Gonzalez. Executive Director – Rural School Innovation</u> Zone (Submitted by Aaron Trevion Commissioner PCT #4)

Michael Gonzalez, Executive Director Rural School Innovation Zone addressed the Court with a quick presentation on this program, and invited the court on March 25th for a ceremony and will get back with details. Discussion only, no action taken.

7. Presentation by Alice Mendoza, Pharmacist - Falfurrias Family Pharmacy,

Alice Mendoza and Antonio Hernandez on cost savings for Brooks County (county employees/indigent/jail), and the possibility of trying for 6 months to a year. Philip Morones, Indigent Director expressed his opinion and suggests that this be brought up to the other pharmacies and see what they can offer. Ms. Mendoza addressed that they could offer a zero copay for County Employees. No action was taken, discussion only.

8. <u>Discussion on Inspection pit for the North bound weigh station.</u> (Submitted by Sgt. James Braswell)

Sgt. James Braswell addressed the Court on the possibility of building a second inspection pit. No action was taken, discussion only.

9. <u>Discussion of proposed salary increase for Brooks County Dispatcher.</u> (Submitted by Sheriff Urbino Martinez)

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos informed the Court that the Sheriff requests to hold off at this time and is to be addressed at the budget process.

10. Discussion of Brooks County facilities.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court on the following: (on file)

- Penly and Wilder Building and the old hospital are being looked at to be placed on the market
- · Already at closing for the Blumer Building
- Mold in the Courtroom; leak on the ceiling and has got a hold of the Historical Commission for their recommendations.
- Library roof

27. Discuss, Consider and Act on awarding a contract to Dura-Last as the

manufacturer and contractor to repair the Ed Rachal Memorial Library roof.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos informed the Court that since we are part of the TIPS program, it allows the County to move forward. Robert Gardner, Dura-Last informed the court that there would be a 15-year warranty and the inspector would have a 20 year warranty on roof, it was discussed that it would take two weeks to complete the construction and would begin in March.

Motion: to award contract to Dura-Last, Action: Approve, Moved by Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, Seconded by Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4. 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.

28. Discuss, Consider and Act on selecting a bid and awarding a contract to repair the Ed Rachal Memorial Library roof.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos informed the Court that three bids were received. (McAllen Roofing Commercial \$61,886.58, Argio Roofing \$166,500 and Amigo Construction \$92,600) Discussion was made on the bids.

Motion: to approve bid from McAllen Roofing Commercial, 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 = 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.

29. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$14,095 from 012-5-0409-9500</u> (Technology) to 012-5-0510-5201 (Bldg Repairs-Annex & Other.)

Motion: to move \$ 14,095 from technology to repairs, 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 = 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.

11. Discuss, Consider and Act on setting a place, date, and time for a public hearing to consider a petition to establish the Brooks County Emergency District #1.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos will be turning in the signatures to the Election Administration and that this hearing is to hear the comments for this, and this would be placed on the November Election. Further discussion was made on the fire department and creation of this district.

Motion: to set hearing for March 19th at 6 PM at the Courthouse Courtroom, Action: Approve. Moved by Nora Salinas, 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: 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 transferring \$1,500 from 012-5-055-9040 (Election Expense) to 012-5-0510-5201 (Bldg Repairs-Annex & Other.)

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos made a correction to the line item from 012-5-055-9040 to 012-5-0500-9040.

Motion: to table, Action: Table, Moved by Aaron Trevino, 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: 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 award to selected engineering/architectural/surveying service provider(s) for grant pre-application, application and project implementation for Brooks County's 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program funded and administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos informed the Court that 4 bids were received and asked to table to give time for the Commissioners to tally them.

Motion: to table, Action: Table, 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.

14. Discuss Consider and Act on a MOU between Trusted Driver, Inc. and Brooks County,

Selina Garza, Project Manager addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve MOU with Trusted Driver, 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 = 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. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on lifting of the beer ban for the BCFA Fair at the JM Alaniz Fair Grounds February 22, 2025 – March 1, 2025. (Submitted by Arnold Mireles, BCFA President)</u>

Motion: to lift beer ban, 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.

16. <u>Discuss Consider and Act on paying invoice E511372 Texas A & M Agrilife</u> Extension in the amount of \$1,995.05 from line item 012-5-0409-9500 Technology.

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.

17. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoices to HART in the amount of \$5,013.50 from line item 012-5-0500-9040 Elections Expense. (Submitted by Anna Garcia)

Motion: to approve, Action: Approve, Moved by Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, 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.

18. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice to R. Trevino Electric in the amount of \$916.09 from line item 012-5-0665-5209 JM Alaniz Fairgrounds. (Submitted by Nikolo Guerra)

Motion: to approve invoice, Action: Approve, 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.

19. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,633.00 from 012-5-0510-5508 Blumer Hospital, Annex to 012-5-0510-5201 Bldg Repairs Annex-Other.

Motion: to approve, Action: Approve, 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.

20. Discuss, consider and act on transferring \$169,000 from 013-5-0033-5511 (Principal for Debt) and \$100,000 from 013-5-0033-9514 (Capital Outlay) to 013-5-0033-5826

(Road Repairs/Maint, & Supplies).

Motion: to approve line item #20, 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 = 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.

21. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice to Jaime's Air Conditioning & refrigeration in the amount of \$1,632.00 from line item 012-5-0510-5201 Bldg Repairs Annex-Other.</u>

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.

22. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice to Jaime's Air Conditioning & refrigeration in the amount of \$1,965.00 from line item 012-5-0510-5830.

Motion: to pay invoice, 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 = 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.

23. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying Oil Patch in the amount of \$5,177.59 (Submitted by Jorge Esparza)

Motion: to approve paying \$5,177.59 to Oil Patch, Action: Approve, Moved by Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, 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.

24. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on paying Oil Patch in the amount of \$4,497.79</u> (Submitted by Jorge Esparza)

Motion: to approve the payment, Action: Approve, Moved by Aaron Trevino, 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: 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.

25. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying Neessen Automotive INC in the amount of \$423.20. (Submitted by Jorge Esparza)

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos made a correction to the amount from \$423.20 to \$426.20. Commander Jorge Esparza addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve, Action: Approve, Moved by Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, 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.

26. Discuss, Consider and Act on a Memorandum of Agreement between Texas Animal Health Commission and Brooks County Sheriff's Office. (Submitted by Jorge Esparza)

Commander Jorge Esparza addressed the Court that this is something new, overtime would be paid by the County but reimbursed from the State.

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.

Went back to line item #12

Motion: to approve line item #12, Action: Approve, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Item passed by the Court

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

OPEN SESSION-Item passed by the Court

31 Discuss, Consider, and Act on Employment/Resignations/Retirements.

32 Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 AM, Action: Adjourn, Moved by Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Seconded by Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. Motion passed unanimously.

Note: 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 Diagram day of ______, 2025, A.D.

APPROVED:

County Indge

ATTESTED:

County Clerk