


REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT

March 12, 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 9:04 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,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County & District Clerk (Not voting).

AGENDA

1. Public Comments

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos asked for any public comments:

Elisa Torres addressed the Court in reference to the Court keeping her name out of their mouths in public, because it's affecting her family; all she wants is accountability for the County.

Cristina Lopez, Interim Principal, addressed the Court, inviting them on March 25th from 9:00-1:00 at the high school.

Irma Menchaca also addressed the Court in reference to last time the Court met made reference to some places not being on the county roll for taxes (mansions). She mentions she saw a commercial about satellites and suggested using satellites for this purpose.

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

Motion: to table, to review and bring back at the special meeting, **Action:** Table, **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.

3. Approve of Bills and Claims

Motion: to approve the bills, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **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.

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)

Eugenio Garcia, County Auditor, addressed the Court informing the Court that we have collected another tax payment, brings us to 86% and wanted to bring to the Court's attention that last month we used 8% of spending if we continue at this path, we should be fine. Commissioner Salinas explained that anyone needing continued education hours should be allowed to attend. Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector, presented her monthly report for the month of February 2025.

Motion: to approve 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.

5. Agrilife Extension Reports

Informational only, no action taken.

6. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a Resolution Nomination of Appraisal

District Board of Directors.

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 = 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.

7. Discuss, Consider, and Act on a resolution to designate authorized signatories for the

Texas Community Development Block Grant program.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court.

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.

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No.11-05-

01912-TX; Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County and City of Falfurrias vs. Laurie Ortiz ACCT. No 01300000G00102; North one-half of the North of Lot 1, Block 'G', Rachel Addition, an addition to the City of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas, as described in Volume 211, page 311, Deed Records of Brooks County, Texas.

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

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

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

No: Eric Ramos, County Judge.

9. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 17-01-

02227-TAX; Brooks County Independent School District and Brooks County vs Lucy D Bavarena. ACCT. NO 0009700001220; 0.51 Acre, more or less out of Tract No. 3, Share No. 9, La Encantada and Encino del Pozo Grant, Brooks County, Texas, as described in deed dated October 6, 2003, from Amancio Garza Jr. etux to Lucy D. Bavarena, in Volume 237, Page 333, Official Records of Brooks County, Texas.

Motion: to approve, **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.

10. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property. Suit No. 21-03-02352 TAX, Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County, and City of Falfurrias vs. Ambrosio Olivarez ACCT. No. 01200000M00102, The South ½ of Lots 1 and 2, Block 'M', Maupin Addition, an addition to the Town of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume/Cabinet 'A' Page 34, Map records of Brooks County, Texas.

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

11. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice #1175 to Jaime's Air Conditioning and Refrigeration in the amount of \$2,922.00.

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

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 paying invoice #C28121 to Global Interpreting Network, INC in the amount of \$18.36.

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.

13. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$25.00 from line item 012-5-0497-5550 Office Supplies to 012-5-0497-9010 Membership Dues.

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.

14. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice #236941 to County Treasurers' Association of Texas in the amount of \$175.00.

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.

15. Discuss, Consider and Act on a Resolution to submit HOME Single Family Housing Program application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.



Honorable Judge Eric Ramos informed the Court that Mr. Briones mentioned this last time and we allowed him to go forward with another application. Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court, with no county match.

Motion: to accept 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 = 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. Discuss, Consider and Act to Authorize County Judge to publish Request for Proposals (RFP) for Professional Management Services for TDHCA HOME program and USDA Community Facilities Program

Motion: to accept request for proposals (RFP), **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.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read the resolution in open Court, asking the Court if anyone wanted to change their vote, hearing none, Judge Ramos moved forward with the Agenda. (on file)

17. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a proposed collaboration between property owners and Brooks County to continue repairs to CR 406.

Motion: to table till next Special and/or Regular meeting, **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.

18. Discuss, Consider and Act on charging the City of Falfurrias for the garbage sent directly to the Brooks County Landfill.

The Court held a discussion on the above matter. It was discussed that a meeting was held on September 8, 2010 where the City is to pay for one employee, and they are not, Commissioner Trevino suggested we enforce this and update the Agreement. Discussion was made to charge the City a landfill fee the same as everyone else.

The Court went into Executive Session at 10:02 AM, the Court came back into Open Session at 10:25 AM; Present same as before.

Motion: to table to get more facts, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, **Seconded by** Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3. (on file)

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

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

No: Eric Ramos, County Judge.

19. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving revised fees to the City of Falfurrias for their use of Brooks County's Dispatch Center.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos reviewed a handout he gave the Court (on file). **Motion:** to table, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3.

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

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

No: Eric Ramos, County Judge.

20. Discuss, Consider and Act on increasing the 911 Subsidy fee to the City of Falfurrias.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos discussed doubling the City supplement. **Motion:** to table, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Eric Ramos, County Judge, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1. (on file)

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

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

No: Eric Ramos, County Judge.

21. Discuss, Consider and Act on increasing the City of Falfurrias' contribution to the Emergency Management Department.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos informed the State law requires the County and the City together to take care of Emergency Management Services; the City agreed to pay \$9,048 to supplement. It was discussed to increase the fee to \$20,000.

Motion: to table, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Eric Ramos, County Judge, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1. (on file)

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

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

No: Eric Ramos, County Judge.

Is going to try to get some information from the City and bring back, have been asking for more from the City and has been ignored, will be giving them a time period and will be receiving a bill for this.

22. Discuss current status of revenue and expenditures for the 2024-2025 Brooks

County Budget.

Information item, discussed some documents (on file) have collected 90% of taxes, with all the revenue and expenses has come to a shortage of \$178,280 and has also started to work on reimbursements from OLS, so this will also help on this shortage

EXECUTIVE SESSION-No action taken.

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

OPEN SESSION-No action taken.

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

25. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn at 10: 50 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **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.

The Court came back from Adjournment at 10: 51 AM to go in Executive Session to discuss personnel; the Court came back into Open Session at 11:10 AM.

Motion: to adjourn at 11:10 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **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 = 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 10th day of April, 2025, A.D.

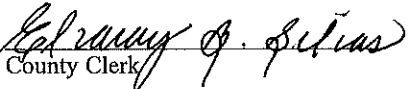
APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:





County Clerk