REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT April 10, 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 9:10 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 Lesvia Gonzales, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Public Comments

Elisa Torres thanked the Road and Bridge for checking on their roads and for spraying on the mosquitoes,

Commissioner Nora Salinas addressed the Court in reference to trash pickup and being short staffed at the Landfill and that trash pickup started yesterday in Encino and today will be going to the Parrita.

Phillip Morones addressed the Court in reference to the Open Meeting Acts and said that certain items were discussed in Executive Session at the last meeting and asks for transparency.

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

Motion: to accept the minutes of 09-17-2024, 01-13-2025, 02-13-2025, 02-21-2025, 03-03-2025, 03-12-2025 and 03-26-2025, 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.

3. Approve of Bills and Claims

Motion: to accept, 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)

Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented her monthly report for the month of March 2025. Higinio Garcia Jr, County Auditor answered questions from the Commissioners' as far as the projection for June.

Motion: to accept 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.

5. <u>Agrilife Extension Reports</u> Informational items, no action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- The Commissioners Court went into Executive Session at 9:27 AM to discuss Personal Issues.

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

OPEN SESSION- Came back into open session at 9:50 AM, Present same as before. No decisions were made.

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

6. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act to approve a Proclamation recognizing April 2025 as</u> <u>Child Abuse Prevention Month.</u>

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court. Julie Garza, Brush Country CASA Coordinator, addressed the 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.

7. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on request from Loma Balance Soil & Water</u> Conservation District #328 to Proclaim April 27,2025 to May 4,2025 as Soil &

Water Stewardship week.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read proclamation in open Court.

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.

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on pay invoice # 151206 to R&D flooring & Janitorial

in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Motion: to pay, 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.

9. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice #366431 to Oil Patch Petroleum in

the amount of \$843.99 from line item 012-5-0510-5105. Gas & Oil Expense. Motion: to approve, 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 = 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 paying invoices to Falfurrias Publishing in the amount of \$920.00 from line item 012-5-0409-5600 Bidding & Notices.

Discussion was made to pay for all employment and Grant advertisements.

Motion: to approve payment, 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.

11. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice to Trevino Electric in the amount of

\$814.69 from line item 012-5-0665-5209 JM Alaniz Fair Grounds.

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.

12. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoices to Trevino Electric in the amount of \$1,890.01 from line item 012-5-0510-5201 BLDG Repair Annex-Other.

Motion: to approve, 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.

13. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on award</u> to

selected engineering/architectural/surveying service provider(s) for grant preapplication, 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.

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Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court.

Motion: to award to Ardurra, 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.

> 14. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving proposed collaboration between property owners and Brooks County to continue repairs to CR 406.

It was discussed that to complete this project \$40,000.00 is needed and is asking the County to pay half of the Cost. David Guerra, Road and Bridge Foreman addressed the Court in reference to not being talked to about this and doesn't know where the funds will be coming from due to having to payout for the CTIF Grant and doesn't think that he can afford it right now. Higinio Garcia Jr, County Auditor, also addressed the Court in reference to the Road and Bridge budget and stated that 79% of the budget has been used.

Motion: to table till next 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.

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

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court informing them that the City of Falfurrias is the only entity that is not paying.

Motion: to accept to have the City of Falfurrias to start paying, 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.

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

It was discussed to table so that the figures can be adjusted to include fringe and benefits. Passed at the moment.

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

The Court discussed the above matter in open Court. Anna Garcia addressed the Court and informed them to check into this since the City used to pay \$15,000. Commissioner Salinas suggested charging the City \$10,000.00, on the 911 Subsidy, Commissioner Trevino agreed with the \$10,000.00.

Motion: to table the 911 Subsidy, Action: Table, 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.

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

The Court discussed the above matter in open Court. Ruben Ramirez, EMC/Fire Chief also addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to accept the \$20,000 supplement fees on the City, on line item #18, 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.

22. <u>Consider and approve resolution to submit funding application to the U.S.</u> Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Facilities Program

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court. Mr. Briones addressed the Court in reference to the submission of this Grant for road improvements doing an RFQ for an

engineer and the local matching being 25%. Mr. Briones informed the Court that something came up as far as the grant funding at the State level and the possible elimination of funding and having to do a loan for this project if funding is stopped. Judge Ramos's concern is going out for a bond, since the County cannot afford it. Commissioner Salinas asked if there was a deadline, Mr. Briones stated that it is open ended and that USDA can take up to 1 year to a year in half to process an application. This grant is for roads (Business 281, West Travis St, South CR 101 – CR 103, back to the expressway, 7.2 miles)

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

23. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1050.00 from 012-5-0510-9505 Capital

Outlay; to line item 012-5-0510-5206 Elevator Maintenance Expense.

Motion: to accept, 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.

24. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$356.00 from 012-5-0409-5550 Out of county travel, to line item 012-5-0409-9000 Bonds.

Motion: to accept and pay Auditor's bond, 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.

25. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$15,000.00 from 012-5-0475-8105

Secretary: to line item 012-5-0435-5484 (Crt. App. Atty.- Criminal).

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.

26. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$10,000.00 from 012-5-0440-8105</u> Secretary; to line item 012-5-0435-5481 (Crt App Atty.- Civil)

Motion: to accept, 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.

Addendum 🛤

1. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoices to Felix Zuniga from line item 012-5-</u> 0409-9000 bonds

Motion: to accept, 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 rescinding a motion made on February 10, 2022 line item #11 on approving an order for a 20% earnest money deposit. (Submitted by Terri Silvas) 🕌

Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector addressed the Court in reference to the rescinding of this matter, due to bidders paying the 20% to her office and then paying full 100 % to Linebarger

Motion: to rescind the motion, 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.

21. Discuss, Consider and Act on adopting a minimum bid for the Brooks County Resale list. (Submitted by Terri Silvas)

Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector addressed the Court on the above matter and the possibility of setting a minimum bid of \$1,000.00, due to all the low bids received. Motion: to table, 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.

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

<u>County Budget.</u> No action just discussion only. (on file) -

Went back to discuss line item #16

Higinio Garcia Jr, County Auditor addressed the Court with the salaries for dispatchers (1 at \$51,055; 1 at \$44,000.00) and suggested maybe going with the median of \$45,000 (option 1 \$44,500 x2)

Motion: to go with option 1, 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. -----

29.<u>Adjourn 📓</u>

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 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 30^{11} day of 100^{11} day of 2025, A.D.

APPROVED: County Judge

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ATTESTED: <u>AUMUNG</u> Silvas County Clerk