REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT May 8, 2025 9:00 A.M. 2nd FLOOR COURTROOM BROOKS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

OPEN MEETING-Judge Eric Ramos opened the meeting at 9:15 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).

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Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

Public Comments

Irma Menchaca addressed the Court in reference to the many traumas that we experience and that the City on 04-28-2025 approved and passed a policy for the Police Department for compliance of Sex Offenders and asks the County to lock shields with the City.

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

There were no minutes for approval, no action taken by the Court.

3. Approve of Bills and Claims

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.

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)

The Court reviewed the Treasurer's report, Angela Perez, Assistant Auditor addressed the Court on the Auditors Report, Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented her monthly report.

Motion: to accept the 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.

-----Agrilife Extension Reports 5. Informational item, no action taken.

Special recognition for Falfurrias High School students Tayana Sanchez and 6. Elizabeth Garza.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos and the Brooks County Commissioners Court recognized both Tayana Sanchez and Elizabeth Garza for being selected for their essays being published in a book. No action taken, presentation only.

Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a Resolution for Operation Lone Star 7. alterative public defense program.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court in reference to the above matter, informing the Court that an application has been submitted to Operation Lone Star program for Court Appointed Attorneys for smuggling cases but is asking for this resolution. Judge Ramos read resolution in open Court. Angela Perez, Assistant Auditor asked the Court on when this takes effect, Judge Ramos informed her that this had just started in April.

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.

Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a Resolution for 89th Legislature of 8. State of Texas to designate a portion of U.S. Highway 281 in Brooks County Between County Road 304 and Huppergate Road as the Ernesto Soliz Cantu Memorial Highway.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court. For the record, Commissioner Salinas stated that the memorial still stands. just the sign that was taken down. Judge Ramos mentioned to the Court that there was an error on the road that it should be spelled as Hoppergate and will be asking for a corrected resolution from Chuy Hinojosa's office.

Motion: to accept, 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.

Discussion on the Collection Percentage rate from the TC 168 report from the Tax 9.

Collection system monthly report.

Was addressed under line item # 4.

Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a Proclamation recognizing Dr. Jose M 10.

Lozano.

Item was passed by the Court, no action taken.

Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice no. 1231 to Jaime's Air Conditioning and 11. Refiguration in the amount of \$455.00

Motion: on paying invoice no. 1231 to Jaime's Air Conditioning and Refrigeration in the amount of \$455.00, 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.

Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$10,000 from 013-5-0033-5865 (equipment 12. rental) and \$5,000.00 from 013-5-0033-8107 (part time), to 013-5-0033-5826 (road repair maintenance and supplies). (Submitted by David Guerra)

Motion: on transferring \$10,000 from equipment rental and \$5,000 from part time /road repair maintenance and supplies, 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.

13. Discuss, Consider, and Act on transferring \$5,000.00 from 013-5-0033 Repairs & maintenance vehicles) to 013-5-0033-9514, to 013-5-0033-95149 Capital Outlay)(Submitted by David Guerra)

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos made a correction to the line item 013-5-0033 to 013-5-0033-5820.

Motion: to accept line item 13 transferring \$5,000 from repairs and maintenance/ capital outlay, 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.

Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,000.00 from 102-5-0053-5515 Radio 14. Maint, & repairs, to 101-5-0053-9070 Miscellaneous. (Submitted by Ruby Allen) 🛛 🛃

Ruby Allen, Landfill Supervisor addressed the Court on the above matter.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos made a correction to the line item 102-5-0053-5515 to 101-5-0053-5515.

Motion: to accept line item #14 transferring \$1,000.00 from Radio Maint. & repairs, to Miscellaneous submitted by Ruby Allen at the landfill, 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.

Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$950.00 from 102-5-0053-5550 (out of 15.

county travel expense), to 101-5-0053-9070 Miscellaneous. (Submitted by Ruby Allen) 👪 Honorable Judge Eric Ramos made a correction to the line item 102-5-0053-5550 to 101-5-0053-5550.

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.

Discuss, Consider and Act on paying Valero in the amount of \$50.58 for fuel on 16.

missing receipt. (Submitted by Sheriff's Office)

Commissioner Salinas made a comment on maybe having the officer take a picture of receipt once received, it happens to all of us, that way these things don't happen.

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 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.

17. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on increasing the City of Falfurrias' contribution to</u> the Emergency Management Department.

No action taken incorrect item, item passed by the Court.

18. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$5,500 from 012-5-0409-5451 (Autopsy),</u> <u>\$5,500 from 012-5-0409-9500 (Technology), \$5,500 from 012-5-0512-5150 (Prisoner Medical</u> <u>Expense), and \$5,500 from 012-5-0641-5457 (County Out Patient Expense) to 012-5-0409-</u>

9020 (Property Insurance)

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos made a correction to the line item 012-5-0512-5150 to 012-5-0512-5459.

Motion: to approve the transfers for line item #18, 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.

19. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$27,000 from 012-5-0409-5400 (Prof. Fees -Legal) to 012-5-0409-5410 (Prof. Fees-Acct & Auditing)

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.

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20. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$12,000 from 012-5-0512-8105 (Jailers) to

012-5-0512-8103 (Jail Administrator) 🔎

Sheriff Urbino "Benny" Martinez addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to accept the transfer of \$12,000 from Jailers to Jail Administrator, 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 approving a proposed collaboration between property</u> owners and Brooks County to continue repairs to CR 406.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that the County has already approved the transfer of \$20,000, and that this is just to approve the collaboration. David Guerra, Road and Bridge Foreman addressed the Court on the above matter.

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 current status of revenue and expenditures for the 2024-2025 Brooks County Budget.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that he was not able to work on a report and would present something at the next meeting but told the court that we are improving.

Motion: to table, Action: Table, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Item was passed by the Court, no Executive Session.

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

OPEN SESSION

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

25. <u>Adjourn</u>

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 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 preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 20^{11} day of _____, 2025, A.D.

APPROVED:

County Judge



County Clerk A. S. Lus