

# REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT

June 20, 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 9:16 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.

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

## AGENDA

### 1. Public Comments

Commissioner Trevino informed the Court about his workspace at the Falfurrias Facts building, to provide accessibility workplace and is temporary and privately funded.

### 17. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving a Proclamation recognizing Dr. Jose M Lozano.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read proclamation in open Court. Dr. Jose M. Lozano addressed the Court in reference to this item.

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

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos informed the Court of the date of the Minutes for approval were 04-10-2025, 05-08-2025, 05-15-2025, 05-29-2025 and 06-12-2025.

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.

### 3. Approve of Bills

Motion: to accept the bills, 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.

### 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 Department Heads
  - 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)
  - v. (Submitted by Ana Garcia, Elections Administrator)
  - vi. (Submitted by Philip Morones, Health and Indigent Care Coordinator)
  - vii. (Submitted by Ruben Ramirez, Emergency Management Coordinator.)

Katy Salinas presented her HR monthly report, Judge Ramos reviewed the County Treasurers report in open Court, Higinio Garcia, Jr. presented his monthly report, Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented her monthly report, Honorable Judge Eric Ramos presented a Financial report to the Court.

**Motion:** to approve reports, **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.

#### 5. Agrilife Extension Reports

Informational item only, no action taken.

#### 6. Presentation of CACOST program(s) by Melinda Morales from CACOST.

Melinda Morales, CACOST addressed the Court in reference to an invitation to a back-to-school bash on August 4, 2025

#### 8. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 04-08-01492-TX; City of Falfurrias, Brooks County Independent School District and Brooks County vs. Marcos Garza, Domitila Garza, aka Domitila Gonzalez Garza, Ismael Garza, Javier Garza and Guadalupe Gaona Tract 2: Acct. No. 02900-0007-022-00, Lot 22, Block 7, Addition No. 1, City of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas as described in Volume 32, page 584, Deed records of Brooks County, Texas.

Paul Chapa, with Linebarger addressed the Court on the above matter, with a bid from Bryan Nunez in the amount of \$1,000.00

**Motion:** to approve, **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.

#### 9. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 10-06-01870-TX; Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County and City of Falfurrias v. Nicolas G. Lopez Acct. no. 01000001302300; Lots 23 and 24, Block 13, La Colonia Mexicana Addition, Original Townsite to the City of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas, as described in Volume 4, page 554, Deed Records of Brooks County, Texas.

Paul Chapa, with Linebarger addressed the Court on the above matter, with a bid from Krystal Mata in the amount of \$1,800.00

**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.

**10. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 11-05-01914-TX; Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County and City of Falfurrias vs. J.L. Barth Co Acct. No 01000002100100; Lot 21, La Colonia Mexicana Addition, an addition to the City of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 45, page 503, Deed records of Brooks County, Texas; Save & Except however, that certain 0.120 acre tract described in Volume 328, Page 1, Official Records of Brooks County, Texas.**

Paul Chapa, with Linebarger addressed the Court on the above matter, with a bid from Krystal Mata in the amount of \$500.00

Motion: to reject offer, 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 = 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 offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 11-08-01945-TX; Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County and City of Falfurrias vs. Joe Taylor and Darlene Taylor Acct. No. 02300000101500; Lot 15, Block 1, R. A. McMullin Addition, An addition to the City Of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas as described in Volume 89, page 107, Official Records of Brooks County, Texas.**

Paul Chapa, with Linebarger addressed the Court on the above matter, with a bid from Liam F. Ferguson in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Motion: to sale, Action: Approve, Moved by Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, 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, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3.

No: Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

**12. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property Suite No. 18-0802278 TAX; Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County and City of Falfurrias vs. Bianca Regalado Acct. No. 02900000702300; Lots 23 and 24, Block7, Addition No. 1, an addition to the City of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas as described in Volume 324, page 429, Official Records of Brooks County, Texas.**

Paul Chapa, with Linebarger addressed the Court on the above matter, with a bid from Bryan Nunez in the amount of \$2,200.00.

Motion: to sale, 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.

**13. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 19-06023214 TAX; Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County and City of Falfurrias vs. Belinda Gonzalez Acct. No.05100000300400; Lot 4, Block 3, Miller Brothers Addition, an addition to the City of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, page 33, Map Records of Brooks County, Texas.**

Paul Chapa, with Linebarger addressed the Court on the above matter, with a bid from Bryan Nunez in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Motion: to sale, Action: Approve, Moved by Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, 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, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

No: Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3.

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**7. Discuss, Consider and Act on setting a date, time and location for a Public Hearing on the petition submitted for the creation of the Brooks County Emergency Services District No. 1, Directing Notice of Public Hearing to be Provided as Required by Law under the Texas Health and Safety Code.**

Ruben Ramirez, EMC/Fire Chief addressed the Court on the above matter stating that the public meeting needs to be held after July 24<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. After a lengthy discussion the Court agreed on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Brooks County Courthouse

**Motion:** to have public hearing at 6:30 for ESD, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Courtroom on July 28th, **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.

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**22. Discuss, Consider and Act on allowing the Falfurrias Volunteer Fire Dept to use the JM Alaniz fairgrounds to cook the Briskets for the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Watermelon Roundup.**  
**(Submitted by Ruben Ramirez)**

**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.

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**23. Discuss, Consider and Act on allowing Road & Bridge to assist the Falfurrias Volunteer Fire Dept. on hauling the wood for the Watermelon Round up.**  
**(Submitted by Ruben Ramirez)**

**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.

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**14. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the Renewal Notice and Benefits, amended interlocal agreement with COBRA services, and County Specific Incentives (CSI) programs elections form for the FY 2026 County Health Insurance.**

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos address the Court on the above matter, informing the Court that the County would be sticking with the same plan, but that the rates would be increasing. Katy Salinas, HR also addressed the Court on the above matter.

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Elvaray B. Silvas, County and District Clerk joined the meeting at 10:39 AM

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**Motion:** to renew, **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.

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**15. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying Valero \$27.48 for missing fuel receipt.**  
**(Submitted by Sheriff'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.

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**16. Discuss, Consider and Act on creating a new, temporary position in the Brooks  
County Attorney's Office.**

Item was passed by the Court at this time, no action taken.

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**18. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$8,000 from 012-5-0403-8104  
(Deputies), \$5,500 from 012-5-0409-5417 (Grant Matching) to 012-5-0409-5410  
(Prof. Fees – Acct and Auditing)**

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.

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**19. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$9,750 from 012-5-0409-9500  
(Technology), \$5,000 from 012-5-0440-8105 (Secretary), \$6,000 from 012-5-0500-  
9040 (Election Expense), \$5,000 from 012-5-0510-5700 (Electricity), and \$4,000  
from 012-5-0560-8105 (Secretary) to 012-5-0409-9020 (Property Insurance)**

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.

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**20. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$500.00 from 012-5-0510-5200 BLDG.  
Maintenance supplies, \$500.00 from 012-5-0510-5201 BLDG. Repairs- Annex &  
Other, \$500.00 from 012-5-0510-5204 Lawn maintenance supplies, \$155.00 from  
012-5-0510-5000 Office Supplies, \$500.00 from 012-5-0510-5205 Lawn  
Maintenance Supplies, to line item 012-5-0510-A/C System-Maintenance.**

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos made a correction to the line item 012-5-0510 to 012-5-0510-5810.

Motion: to accept the transfer, 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.

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**21. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice # 1312 to Jaime's Air Conditioning  
and refrigeration in the amount of \$2,155.00 from line item 012-5-0510-5810 A/C  
System-Maintenance.**

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.

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**24. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$500.00 from line item 101-5-0053-  
9097 License incentive to line item 101-5-0053-5820 Repairs & Maintenance  
vehicles.**

**(Submitted by Ruby Allen)**

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.

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The Court went back to discuss Line Item #17

**Motion:** to approve proclamation, **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.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**-Item passed by the Court.

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

**OPEN SESSION**

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

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26. **Adjourn**

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, 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.

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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 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge



ATTESTED:

County Clerk

