

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT

June 26, 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 Special 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 9:14 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,
Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3,
Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4

Absent: Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.
Elvaray B. Silvas, County & District Clerk (Not voting).

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Public Comments

Irma Menchaca addressed the Court in reference to the Brush Country Groundwater Conservation Meeting and discussion of the drought, shortage of water, lakes being drained, and the moving of 1,600 families moving into Texas every day. In reference to the mansions being built within the County and that the Appraisal District not being able to tax them and asks to see what can be done and asks to follow through on taxing them. That she attended School board meeting last Wednesday, that a Carla Pope, Director of Appeals spoke in reference to the need of raising taxes.

2. Approve of Bills

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 = 4).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3.

3. Discuss, Consider and Act on the possibility of employment of Noah Sanchez for the Brooks County Attorney Victims Coordinator, to be paid from the HB21 fund. **(Submitted by David T Garcia)**

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos made a correction to the wording from HB21 to SB22.

David T. Garcia, County Attorney, addressed the Court and introduced Noah Sanchez to Court, informing the Court that his salary is to be set at \$44,075, with a monthly salary of \$3,672.92 and asks the Court that this to be in effect July 1st.

Motion: to approve and to start July 1st, **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 = 4).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3.

4. Workshop: 2025-2026 Brooks County Budget

The Court discussed the following:

- Honorable Judge in reference to a proposed budget and still waiting on the preliminary taxable values in order to do this; Appraisal District is guided by the State Comptroller in giving an idea of how much we can have in tax value and that we are way behind, that we are at 4 hundred plus million but we should be at 6 hundred million; Terri A Silvas, Chief Deputy spoke in reference to the property being appraised and the last time was in 2014 and that Mr. Garcia is currently working on it and believes that it wont be in effect until 2026;
- Judge Ramos stated that next year will be needing to cut \$500,000, revenue has been overbudgeted and that the current Auditor is working to make the numbers more realistic, 10% cut from the budget from each department; 90% of our budget comes from payroll; is looking into cutting at least 5 positions in October but will be done sooner, discussed another 5 positions or a salary pay cut across the board percentage wise; keeping the insurance but the employees will be deducted extra for the premium cost; budget worksheet for the Commissioners to review; discussed in the possibility of doing an employment study have to many employees, the 4 positions to be cut will be notified tomorrow and will be given 2 weeks' notice making the end date of July 15th;
- 2.2 million dollars have been awarded for next year for OLS;
- Looking into trash pickup privately (which will elevate cost, but won't be receiving revenue); the possibility of bringing some solar revenue and using the property behind the Sheriff's office. Judge Ramos has a solar proposal but won't be in effect until 2027 on Hwy 285; discussed the possibility of paying salaries from the health and sales use tax (Indigent/Pharmacies/Landfill/Fire Chief); going out for bids for trash pickup;

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Item passed by the Court.

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

OPEN SESSION

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

7. Adjourn

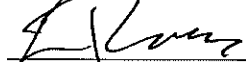
Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **Seconded by** Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 4).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3.

 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 13th day of November, 2025, A.D.

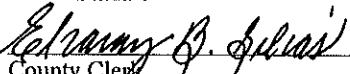
APPROVED:



 County Judge



ATTESTED:



 County Clerk