

**SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**July 28, 2025**  
**4:30 P.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 4:31 PM

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).

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

**AGENDA**

**1. Public Comments**

Commissioner Salinas on a scheduled meeting tomorrow in La Mesa in reference to a septic tank application grant at the Parish Hall.

**2. Approve of Bills**

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

**3. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$2,000.00 from 012-5-0512-5549 Prisoner's Medical, to 012-5-0512-5130 Prisoner's Board. (Submitted by Sheriff's office)**

Motion: to approve, 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.

**4. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$700.00 from 012-5-0512-5550 Out of County Travel; to 012-5-0512-5120 Janitorial Supplies. (Submitted by Sheriff's Office)**

Motion: to approve the transfer, 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.

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5. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$300.00 from 012-5-0512-5550 Out of County Travel, to 012-5-0512-5136 Uniforms. (Submitted by Sheriff's office)

Motion: to approve 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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6. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$500.00 from 012-5-0512-5000 Office supplies, to 012-5-0512-5135 Supplies other. (Submitted by Sheriff's Office)

Motion: to approve the transfer, 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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7. Discuss, Consider, and Act on transferring \$1,500 from 101-5-0053-8107 (Part Time to 101-5-0053-5136 (Uniforms)).

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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8. Discuss, Consider, and Act on transferring \$3,500 from 101-5-0053-8107 (Part Time) to 101-5-0053-9063 (Landfill Fee).

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.

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9. Discuss, Consider, and Act on transferring \$650 from 101-5-0053-8107 (Part Time) to 101-5-0053-5812 (Repairs/Maintenance).

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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10. Discuss, Consider, and Act on transferring \$900 from 101-5-0053-8107 (Part Time) to 101-5-0053-8206 (TCDRS).

Motion: to approve, 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.

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**11. Discuss, Consider, and Act on transferring \$2,100 from 101-5-0053-8107 (Part Time) to 101-5-0053-9070 (Misc)**

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.

**12. Discuss, Consider, and Act on transferring \$10,000 from 101-5-0053-8107 (Part Time) 101-5-0053-5420 (Professional fees)**

Motion: to approve, 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 of Texas Department of Transportation Airport project participation agreement FY 2026 Ramp Grant. (Submitted by Auditors Office)**

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos informed the Court that this is a yearly grant and that this is 90/10 Grant. Judge Ramos asks the Court to hold off on this item.

Motion: to table, 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.

**15. 2025-26 Brooks County Budget Workshop**

The Commissioners court discussed the following increases/decreases for the 2025-26 Budget year:

- Spoke about revenue line items; Final Values received from the Appraisal District; effective rate is the current rate would collect .900846/\$100 would generate \$4,132,208; no new revenue rate of .888281/\$100 would generate \$3,776,509 (on file)

**16. Discussion of Brooks County Financial Status**

- 1.5 million dollars put in the wrong place, creating an issue in our operating budget, which has been corrected
- Projected a 93-94% tax collection this year have collected 96%
- received monies from a bankruptcy court settlement; courthouse-property sale; payment for Blumer Building of 150,000 has come in
- 5 more payrolls equaling \$800,000/ having \$500,000 of expenditures, still short about \$150,000/as long as we don't spend no more than 8%
- \$920,000 in the bank
- Discussed due to the numbers received we would not need to make the additional 5 cuts for next budget year

**EXUCUTIVE SESSION**-at 5:25 PM the Court went into Executive Session to discuss personnel (line items 14 &17)

**20. Discuss Employment/Resignations/Retirements and other Personnel Issues.**

**OPEN SESSION** – at 6:17 PM the Court came back into Open Session, present same as before.

**21. Discuss, Consider, and Act on Employment/Resignations/Retirements.**

**14. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving an interlocal agreement between Jim Wells County Sheriff's Office and Brooks County Sheriff's Office regarding housing of Jim Wells County inmates. (Submitted by Sherriff's Office)**

Motion: to approve Interlocal Agreement between Jim Wells County Sheriff's Office and Brooks County Sheriff's Office with a contract for 12 months and to re-evaluate, Approve, Moved

by Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, **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.

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**17. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the elimination of 5 employment positions in the 2024-25 Budget.**

**Motion:** to table, **Action:** Table, Moved by Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded** by Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4.

**Vote:** Motion failed (summary: Yes = 2, No = 3, Abstain = 0).

**Yes:** Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3.

**No:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

**Motion:** to approve the cuts, **Action:** Approve, Moved by Eric Ramos, County Judge, **Seconded** by Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1.

**Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes = 3, No = 2, Abstain = 0).

**Yes:** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

**No:** Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3.

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**Motion:** to come back at 6:30 to start public hearing, **Action:** Enter Recess, 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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The Court came back from recess at 6:30 PM; Present same as before.

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**18. Conduct a public hearing to consider the proposed creation of Brooks County Emergency Services District No. 1 pursuant to Chapter 775 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.**

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read an Order in Open Court. Judge Ramos asked Anna Garcia, Elections Administrator and Terri A. Silvas on the Petition presented and if it meets the requirements, both responded yes. Discussion was made in creating a Commissioners Board for the ESD and voted in Commissioners' Court. A lengthy discussion was held on the creation of an ESD. Fire Department members present were recognized and introduced.

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**19. Discuss, Consider and Act on petition to create Brooks County Emergency Services District No. 1, grant petition and call elections as authorized under Chapter 775 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.**

**Motion:** to approve the Petition and call for an Election, **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.

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**22. Adjourn**

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM, **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 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, A.D.

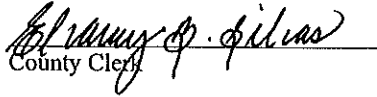
APPROVED:



County Judge



ATTESTED:

  
County Clerk