SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT

August 22, 2025 10:00 AM

2nd FLOOR COURTROOM

BROOKS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Meeting was moved to the Ed Rachal Library Conference Room

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 Ed Rachal Library Conference Room:

OPEN MEETING -Judge Eric Ramos opened the meeting at 10:12 AM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-was led by Judge Eric Ramos

ROLL CALL-Judge Eric Ramos called for roll call:

Present: Eric Ramos, County Judge,

Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4,

Absent: Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1.

Elvaray B. Silvas, County & District Clerk (Not voting).

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Public Comments

Irma Menchaca addressed the Court stating that at last meeting an Elvira Lopez from Washington DC addressed the Court in reference to a Notice, and it being posted and wants to know where it is, so that she can read it.

2. Approve of Bills

Motion: to accept bills, 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 = 4).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

3. <u>Discuss Consider and Act on a Burn Ban for Brooks County.(Submitted by Ruben Ramirez)</u>

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 = 4).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

4. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on combining precincts for the upcoming Constitutional amendment election. All precincts except for Encino will vote in the library conference room.(Submitted by Anna Garcia)</u>

Passed at the moment.

5. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$700.00 from 012-5-0512-5550 (Out of County travel) and \$1,000 from 012-5-0512-5130 (Office supplies) to 012-5-0512-5130 (Prisoner Board.) (Submitted by Sherrif's office)</u>

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos made a correction to the line item 012-5-0512-5130 to 012-5-0512-5000.

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 = 4).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

6. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$300.00 from 012-5-0512-8129 (Overtime)</u> to 012-5-0512-5137 (Jail linens.) (Submitted by Sherrif's office)

Motion: to accept transfer, 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 = 4).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

7. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$450.00 from 012-5-0560-9080 (Registration) to 012-5-0560-5820 (Repairs and Maint.vehicles) (Submitted by Sherrif's office)

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 = 4).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

8. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,200.00 from 012-5-0560-5515 (Radio maint.), \$1,000 from 012-5-0560-5820 (Office supplies) to 012-5-0560-5820 (Repairs and maint. vehicles.)</u> (Submitted by Sherrif's office)

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos made a correction to the line item 012-5-0560-5820 to 012-5-0560-5000.

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 = 4).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

9. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,100.00 from 012-5-0512-8129 Overtime, to 012-5-0512-5135 Supplies -other) (Submitted by Sherrif's office)</u>

Motion: to approve, 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 = 4).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, 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. 04-11-01553-TXBrooks County, Brooks County Independent School District and City of Falfurrias vs., Emma Suarez Trevino, Estate, et al Acct. No. 01000001103000, Lots 30, 31 and 32, Block 11, La Colonia Addition, an addition to the City of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas as described in Volume 42, page 428 and Volume 103, pages 807and 809, Deed Records of Brooks County Texas.

Robert Cuevas, Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson addressed the Court on the above matter on an offer of \$6,500.00.

Motion: to accept bid, 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 = 4). (on file)

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, 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. 06-05-01699-TX Brooks County, City of Falfurrias and Brooks County Independent School District vs Adan Ramirez Jr. Tract No. 1: Acct. No. 01300000E00500; Lot 5, Block "E". Rachal Addition, Town of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 1, Page 39, Map records of Brooks County, Texas.

Robert Cuevas, Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson addressed the Court on the above matter on an offer from Ms. Garcia of \$1,000.00. Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax

Assessor Collector informed the Court the person placing bid currently owns the property that is already fenced in with this property.

Motion: to accept, 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 = 4).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

12. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 03-03-01377-TX; Brooks County, City of Falfurrias and Brooks County Independent School District vs Vicenta Cantu, Estate, et al Acct. No 02100-0002-001-00, The North 50 feet of Lots 1 and 2, Maupin Second Addition, an addition to the City of Falfurrias, Brooks County, Texas, as described in Volume 207, Page 545, Official Records of Brooks County, Texas.

Robert Cuevas, Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson addressed the Court on the above matter on an offer from Ms. Rodriguez of \$1,000.00.

Motion: to accept bid, 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 = 4).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

Elvaray B. Silvas, County & District Clerk, joined the meeting at this time.

13. 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 I Barth Co Acct. No. 01000002100100; Lot 21, La Colona 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 & EXPECT however, that certain 0.120 acre tract described in Volume 325, Page 1, Official records of Brooks County, Texas.

Robert Cuevas, Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson addressed the Court on the above matter on an offer from Mr. Mireles of \$1,000.00.

Motion: to accept, 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 = 4).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

14. <u>Discuss, Consider, and act on Transferring \$1,583.25 from 012-5-0665-5550 (Out of County Travel) to 012-5-0665-5209 (J.M Alaniz Fairgrounds) for payment to Trevinio Electric, invoice #2290, Invoice total \$1,583.25. (Submitted by Nikolo Guerra)</u>

Motion: to accept, Action: Approve, Moved by Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, Seconded by Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

15. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$600 from 012-5-0400-8103 (Adm. Asst.)</u> 012-5-0435-5550 (Out of county travel)

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 = 4).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

16. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,600 from 012-5-0400-8103 (Adm. Asst.) to 012-5-0400-9010 (Membership dues.)</u>

Motion: to approve, 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 = 4).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

17. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$7,000 from 012-5-0415- 9070 to 012-5-0409-5860 (copiers-leasing & maintenance exp)

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 = 4).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

18. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$2,000 from 020-5-0043-5500 (phone expense) to 020-5-0043-5483 (FAA-airport inspection.)</u>

Motion: to approve, 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 = 4).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

19. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$126 from 012-5-0400-5000(office supplies) to 012-5-0435-9070 (post office box payment)</u>

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 = 4).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

20. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$4,000 from 012-5-0400-8103 (Adm. Asst.) to 012-5-409-5500 (phone expense.)</u>

Motion: to accept the transfer, 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 = 4).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

21. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$450 from 012-5-0400-5500 (out of county travel) to 012-5-0510-5206 (elevator maintenance.)</u>

Motion: to approve, Action: Approve, Moved by Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, Seconded by Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

The Court went back to discuss line item #4.

Motion: to approve, Action: Approve, Moved by Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Seconded by Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3.

Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 3, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3.

No: Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

It was discussed that this was for election day only.

22. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on rescinding the action regarding the Interlocal Agreement between Brooks County and City of Falfurrias for Dispatching Services approved on April 10, 2025 (Agenda item # 16.)</u>

Motion: to rescind, Action: Approve, Moved by Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Seconded by Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 3, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3.

No: Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

23. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the Dispatch Services Interlocal Agreement</u> <u>between Brooks County and the City of Falfurrias.</u>

Motion: to accept the \$49,500, Action: Approve, Moved by Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Seconded by Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3. (on file)

Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 3, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3.

No: Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

24. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on rescinding the action regarding the Interlocal Agreement between Brooks County and City of Falfurrias for Emergency Management Services approved on April 10, 2025 (Agenda item # 18.)</u>

Motion: to rescind, 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, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

25. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the Emergency Management Services</u> <u>Interlocal Agreement between Brooks County and the City of Falfurrias.</u>

Motion: to approve, 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 = 4).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

26. Discuss, Consider and Act on rescinding the action regarding the Interlocal Agreement between Brooks County and City of Falfurrias for 911 (Addressing) Services approved on April 10, 2025 (Agenda item # 17.)

Item was passed by the Court

27. <u>Discuss, Consider and Act on approving the 911 (Addressing) Services Interlocal Agreement between Brooks County and the City of Falfurrias.</u>

Motion: to approve, 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 = 4).

Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

The Court reviewed the County Treasurers report for the month July 2025. (on file) Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court on an issue with the Appraisal district and with the numbers of our expense and revenue and always had to cut to cover our revenue.

28. Budget Workshop

- The Court reviewed a printout of Fund 12 once entered into Tyler (on file)
- Juvenile transfer went up (165,000 to 167,000) Page #39; decrease on the Landfill moved
 a payment to the Health and Sales Tax; Page#33 cut 10% was put back, adding more
 money to the Sheriff's department for gasoline; will have a fund balance of \$424,325
- Fund 13 Road and Bridge last year \$360,000 this year \$491,000, F&M \$350,000/\$ 200,000; made decrease/increase to the budget (on file)
- Fund 101; revenue transfer general fund/health and sales tax;
- COG has offered service for tires and the landfill/to collect any old tires no bigger than 17.5 no reams until next week 21st- the 27th during regular landfill hours at no cost

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Item was passed by the Court.

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

OPEN SESSION

30. Discuss, Consider, and Act on Employment/Resignations/Retirements.
31. Adjourn Motion: to adjourn at 11:34 AM, Action: Adjourn, 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 = 4). Yes: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, 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 1311 day of NOVCINDER , 2025, A.D. APPROVED:
County Judge ATTESTED: Lel May 6. 61 in County Clerk