

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
September 19, 2025
9:00AM
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 9:19 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

Irma Menchaca addressed the Court in reference to the location of Brooks County and its wealth and the raising of taxes and making this community prosper.

2. Approve of Bills

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.

3. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$25,000.00 from line item 012-5-0411-9070 (Sheriff's Misc. Taser) to line item 012-0560-5105(Gas and oil)

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 \$5,000.00 from line item 012-5-0411-9070 (Sheriff's Misc. Taser) to line item 012-5-0560-5820 (repairs and maint-vehicles)

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.

5. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$500.00 from line item 012-5-0561-9070 (Misc.) to line item 012-5-0561-5820 (repairs and maint.vehicles)

Motion: to accept, **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.

6. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$300.00 from line item 012-5-0561-9080 (registration) to line item 012-5-0561-5820 Repairs and Maint. vehicles)

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.

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1000.00 from line item 012-5-0411-9070 (Sheriff's Misc. Taser) to line item 012-5-0512-5135(Supplies-other)

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.

7. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$400.00 from line item 012-5-0561-5311(Supplies/equipment) to line item 012-5-0561-5820 (Repairs and Maint. Vehicles)

Motion: to approve, **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.

9. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1000.00 from line item 012-5-0411-9070 (Sheriff's Misc. Taser) to line item 012-5-0512-5135(Supplies Other)

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.

10. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$12,000.00 from line item 013-5-0033-5105 (Oil & Gas) to line item 013-5-003-9070 (Miscellaneous)

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.

11. Discuss, Consider and Act on Allowing Road & Bridge Department to put equipment that is no longer in use in the next auction by Apple Towing.

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.

12. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoice #1409 from Jaimie's Air Conditioning in the amount of \$1,008.00.

Motion: to accept the bill of Jaime's Air Conditioning, **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.

13. Discussion of modifications to the policies regarding vacation, comp time and other personnel benefits in the Brooks County Employee Policy and Procedure Handbook.

The Court had a discussion on the paying out of employees once they have met the max amount of hours (comp time max allowed 240 hours/law enforcement 480 hours). (**on file**) No action taken discussion only.

14. Discuss, Consider and Act on an Order Adopting the 2025-2026 Brooks County Budget.

The Court reviewed the proposed budget at hand with current corrections before adopting the Budget:

- no changes on revenue, Page 5 City Contribution Emergency increase needs to be added,
- expenditures
 - page 8 decrease to Deputies of \$15,000.00,
 - change on page 27 on Jailers adding \$80,000;
 - page 39 decrease of \$5,068.43 for transfer to consolidation fund (tax office); budget total surplus changed to \$167,710.29,
 - changes to fund 31 Health and Sales Tax to help subsidize at the Landfill, change is on Pg 39 to Transfer to Landfill \$50,000 from Fund 12 the other portion from Fund 31
 - Discussed Fund 13 on Page 42 with a surplus of \$7,216 in addition to the CD

Item passed at the moment do some changes to numbers that were given to the tax office

EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Court went into Executive Session at 10:07 AM, discussion regarding litigation.

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

17. Consultation with attorney regarding settlement of pending litigation

OPEN SESSION – The Court came back into Open Session at 10:23 AM; Present same as before.

18. Discuss, Consider and Act on authorizing the law firm of McKibben, Martinez, and Wood LLP to finalize settlement of Jose De La Luzv. Brooks County lawsuit.

Motion: to give authorization to our attorneys who represent us to move forward on such settlement, **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.

Motion: to recess at 10:31 AM till 4:30 PM, **Action:** Enter Recess, **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.

The Court came back from recess at 4:46 PM

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

The Court continued to discuss line item #14.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read an Order in open Court. Discussed keeping \$80,000 for two Jailers (still requesting to pay one out of OLS Funds and the other out of SB22 Funds upon approval); Task Force Indigent increase to \$70,000; after all changes will have a surplus of \$255,000; discussed looking for a private entity for trash truck but if voted on would need to provide 45 day notice to current brush truck and won't be until December/January (there has been an increase to the lease of trash truck from \$5,200 to \$8,200).

Motion: to adopt the budget, **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.

15. Discuss, Consider and Act on Adopting the Tax Rates for the fiscal year 2025-2026 to include the following language

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read an Order in open Court.

Motion: I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.900847, which is effectively a 1.41 percent increase in the tax rate, **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.

Went back to discuss line item #9

Motion: to rescind due to duplicate to line item #8, **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.

Item was rescinded and no action taken.

19. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 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 28th day of January, 2026, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge



ATTESTED:



County Clerk