

REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT
September 11, 2025
9:30A.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 9:36 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,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County & District Clerk (Not voting).

Absent: Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4.

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

AGENDA

1. Public Comments

Irma Menchaca addressed the Court referring to the Taxpayer Impact statement and comes to point out the mansions in Encino that are not being taxed.

Bobby Pulido addressed the Court and said that he will be making a decision to run for Congress in District 15 in the next two weeks

Rick Soliz addressed the Court on the fact that the highest paid employee is not here, which is the County Attorney and has two jobs to prosecute misdemeanors and provide free legal advice to Commissioners Court. Also stating that the Court and the County Judge have the power to remove him.

Commissioner Aaron Trevino joined the meeting at 9:40 AM.

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

Item passed by the Court.

3. Approve of Bills

Motion: to approve bills, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, **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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- At 9:45 AM the Court went into Executive Session to seek legal advice due to a law suit.

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

OPEN SESSION-The Court came back into Open Session at 10:26 AM; Present same as before. Lawsuit between two landowners and will advise the Court on what the attorneys decide what they need to do.

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

22. Discuss, Consider and Act on possible lease agreement with KPSO.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court and the possibility of selling the station to somebody and if the County will continue with lease agreement. Raymond Creely, KPSO addressed the Court.

Motion: to approve the possible lease continued agreement with KPSO, **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.

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.)

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos reviewed the County Treasurer's Report in open Court for August 2025; Higinio Garcia, Jr., County Auditor presented his monthly report for August 2025; Terri A Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented her monthly report for the month of August 2025; all other reports are in the packets and advices if any questions feel free to contact the department.

Motion: to approve monthly reports, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2, **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

Discussion item only, no action taken.

6. Discussion Taxpayer Impact statement (House Bill 1522.)

Terri A Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector read Taxpayer Impact Statement in open Court per House Bill 1522. No action taken, discussion only.

7. Discuss, Consider and Act on A Proclamation recognizing September 22nd-26th as National GEAR UP week.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court in reference to this item stating that this program was started by Congressman Hinojosa and read proclamation in open Court.

Motion: to approve the Proclamation, **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.

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$200.00 from 012-5-0562-5000 Office supplies to 012-5-0562-9080 Registration. (Submitted by Sheriff's Office)

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.

9. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$100.00 from 012-5-0562-5135 Supplies-other, to 012-5-0562-5550 Out of County travel. (Submitted by Sheriff's office)

Motion: to accept, **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.

10. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1400 from 101-5-0053-8107 (Part-time) to 101-5-0053-9070 (Misc)

Motion: to approve, **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.

11. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$2,000 from 012-5-0400-8103(Adm Asst) to 012-5-0409-9500 (Technology)

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 \$1,400 from 101-5-0053-8107 to 101-5-0053-9070 (Misc)

Item was passed, duplicate to line item #10

13. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$2400 from 012-5-0409-5417 (Grant Matching) to 012-5-0409-5500 (phone expense).

Motion: to approve, **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.

14. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$2,000 from 012-5-0665-5550 (Out of County Travel) to 012-5-0430-5484 (Atty Appoint-Criminal)

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.

15. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1500 from 012-5-0440-8105(Secretary) to 012-5-0510-5200)Uniforms

Motion: to accept the transfer, **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.

16. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$500 from 012-5-0403-5000 (Office Supplies) to 012-5-0409=5905 (Contributions)

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.

18. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$126 from 012-5-0403-5550 (Out of County Travel) to 012-5-0435-9070 (Miscellaneous)

Motion: to approve, **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.

17. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$600 from 012-5-0403-5000 (Office Supplies) to 012-5-0436-5550 (Out of County Travel)

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.

19. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$7000 from 012-5-410-8104 (Deputies) to 012-5-0409-5860 (Copiers)

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.

20. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$27,000 from 012-5-0418105 (Secretary) to -12-5-0409-9070 (Miscellaneous)

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos made a correction to the line item 012-5-0418105 to 012-5-410-8105.

Motion: to approve, **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.

21. Discuss, Consider and Act on a Resolution nomination of Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos informed the Court that Elvaray and himself currently are serving on board. Judge Ramos asked Elvaray if she would continue to serve, she agreed. Commissioner Salinas nominated Higinio Garcia Jr to serve on the board. It was recommended to nominate Higinio and Judge Ramos to serve on the Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Motion: to accept the nomination of Higinio Garcia Jr, and Eric Ramos, **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.

The Court went back to discuss line item 12.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos made a correction by changing line item to read transferring \$1,400 from 012-5-0409 (Grant Matching) to 012-5-0409-5505 (internet expense).

Motion: to approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Eric Ramos, County Judge, **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.

22. 25-26 Budget Workshop

- Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that there was nothing new to discuss; added monies to line items that kept requiring line item transfers
- Public Hearing for Auditor's Budget on September 15th
- Discussed the 5 additional cuts for next year's budget don't see it happening.

23. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **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.

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.

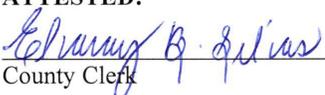
APPROVED:



County Judge



ATTESTED:



County Clerk