

REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT
October 10, 2025
3:30 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 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 3:32 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

Nikolo Guerra addressed the Court informing them that on October 16th at 8-12 AgriLife will be having a New World Screw worm update at the FEDA building, would like for the Road and Bridge to attend.

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

Motion: to table for the next meeting, **Action:** Table, **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.

3. 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.

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.)

Judge Ramos reviewed the County Treasurers report in open court; Higinio Garcia, Jr, County Auditor presented his monthly report; Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented her monthly report.

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 = 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

Informational item only, no action taken.

6. Presentation by Mr. L. Pena on the status of current water source(s) for residents of Brooks County and the impact of possible regional projects.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos gave a quick update on the above matter and said that Brooks County is ahead of Nueces County due to the creation of our Groundwater District. Judge Ramos stated that Mr. Pena couldn't be here and would need to reschedule. No action taken discussion only.

7. Discuss, Consider and Act on a 2026 Resolution for Indigent Defense Grant Program.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos read resolution in open Court.

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.

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on opening and awarding Bids for a one-year contract on the following.

A. Fuel and Lubricant

B. Pest for Pest Control and Termite Inspection

Motion: to table, **Action:** Table, **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.

9. Discuss, Consider and Act on an MOU with Val Verde County. (Submitted by Commander Esparza)

Commander Jorge Esparza addressed the Court on the above matter in reference to a centralized jail for OLS and involving 14 other counties. Carlos Garcia, District Attorney, also addressed the Court on the above matter by further explaining the process of this centralized center.

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 = 5).

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10. Discuss, Consider and Act on allowing the Auditor's office to pay bills from the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

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.

11. Discuss, Consider and Act on paying invoices from Falfurrias Facts in the amount of \$560.00

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 modifying the Brooks County Employee Policy and Procedure Manual in three areas:

- a. Definition (of hours) of the Brooks County work week for all departments.
- b. Vacation time
- c. Holiday time

Motion: to table, **Action:** Table, **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).

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13. Discussion on the changing Brooks County pay periods to every two weeks.

Discussion was held and asks to bring back in two weeks; Katy Salinas HR addressed the Court that if it passes would start in November receiving only one check in November 21st which would start the two-week process, a change in the changes to the system, don't have to pay early either, deductions if late and being penalized suggests not to change. Higinio Garcia, Jr. County Auditor also addressed the Court on doing the change during a fiscal year. Suggests if change is to be done to do it at the beginning of fiscal year and paychecks being a little less. Discussion only, no action taken.

14. Discuss, consider and act on an interlocal agreement between Brooks County and the City of Falfurrias for the implementation of the Community Development Block Grant Program - Community Development Fund for the 2025-2026 year.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court in reference to two grants in reference to water repairs.

Motion: to approve interlocal agreement, **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.

15. Discuss, consider and act on selecting an option in response to the Administrative Penalties, Docket #25-0773-01 from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court that this is on the GEO side, and that GEO will be responsible for paying the fine. No action taken, discussion only.

EXECUTIVE SESSION- Passed by the Court

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

OPEN SESSION- Passed by the Court

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

18. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 4:39 PM, **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

