

**SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**October 21, 2025**  
**9:00 AM**  
**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 9:15 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

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**1. Public Comments**

Elisa Torres, a little concerned about Mestena Encore, are starting to do more holes and more drilling and the possibility of setting up a meeting in reference to the testing of the water.

Irma Menchaca addressed the Court on wanting changes and improvements on taxes, Laws and ordinances that are not being followed and people being taken advantage of, again on the mansions that are not being taxed on.

Commissioner Trevino informed the Court that he was recently appointed to Dream Come Scholarship Foundation of South Texas, for anyone wanting to go back to college or a trade school, in Brooks County, Jim Wells County and Sarita.

Commissioner Salinas recognizing and thanking the Road and Bridge for the completion of CR 430 and doing what they do best.

Angela Perez in reference to the mansion comment, that it's possible that they are in a different County.

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**3. 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.**

Louie Pena, General Manager of the Brush Country Ground Water Conservation District gave a presentation and mentioned that the district serves, Brooks, Jim Wells, Jim Hogg and a small portion of Hidalgo County, register of water wells, transport permits, water testing, work with 35 production permits within the district, extensive water research, export permits, Chapter 39 allows the creation of a water well for the usage of production of uranium, oil and gas, that doesn't require them to come to the District unless the landowner will be keeping the well afterwards would then need to register the well with the District. Current drought situation issues and concerns. Mr. Pena spoke about the water issue in Corpus Christi and that the City Council having a meeting tonight, in the buying of water, from South Texas Water Authority ; Choke Canyon and Lake Corpus Christi are at all time lowest, no water district in Corpus; EV Ranch haven't come to the District to apply for an export permit to sell water to Corpus.

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**2. Approve Bills**

**Motion:** to approve the bills, **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.

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**4. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property Suit No. 07-11-01733-TX City of Falfurrias, Brooks County Independent School District and Brooks County vs. Kindra N. Vannest ACCT. NO. 012 00000101000, Lot 10, Block T, Maupin Addition , an addition to the City of Falfurrias , Brooks County , Tez0xas, as described in Volume 128, page 95, Deed Records of Brooks County, Texas.**

Sylvia Montemayor addressed the Court on the above matter, with a bid of \$600

**Motion:** to approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1. **(on file)**

**Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 4, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

**Yes:** Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

**No:** Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3.

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**5. Discuss, Consider and Act on offer to purchase tax sale property Suite No.1-05-01912-TX, Brooks County Independent School District, Brooks County and City of Falfurrias vs. Laurie Ortiz Acct. No 300000G00102; The North on-half of the North one-half of lot 1, Block "G" Rachel Addition. an addition to the City of Falfurrias, Brooks County , Texas, as described in Volume 211, Page 311, Deed records of Brooks County, Texas.**

Sylvia Montemayor addressed the Court on the above matter, with a bid of \$500.

**Motion:** to accept, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3, **Seconded by** Eric Ramos, County Judge.

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

**Yes:** Eric Ramos, County Judge, Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3.

**No:** Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

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**6. Discuss, Consider and Act on the Brooks County Ballot for the Appraisal District Board of Directors Election.**

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos stated that they were three nominees for the County, himself, Commissioner Gutierrez and Judge Garza. Judge Garza later called and stated that he was not interested.

**Motion:** to approve, 1,006 vote to Judge Ramos and 1,006 vote to Commissioner Gutierrez, **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.

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**7. Discuss, Consider and Act on the proposed new salaries for the Brooks County Dispatchers.**

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court on the above matter, stating monies were leftover due to a change in salary and want to distribute the difference amongst the dispatchers. Commander Jorge Esparaza also addressed the Court on the above matter. Judge Ramos asked for a motion, due to lack of motion, item dies.

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**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

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos opened bids for Fuel and Lubricant:

Oil Patch (Oil and Gas), Safe P Cleaning Systems Inc. (Oil).

**Motion:** to grant Oil Patch for Fuel and Lubricant for a one-year contract, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded by** Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1. **(on file)**

**Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 4, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

**Yes:** Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, Eduardo "Eddie" Garza, Commissioner Precinct #1, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2.

**No:** Nora Salinas, Commissioner Precinct #3.

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos opened bids for Pest Control and Termite Inspection, received one from South Texas Pest Control for \$1,025 a quarter. It was discussed whether there was an increase in costs from last year's bid. Judge Ramos said he could get the court those numbers.

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The Court took recess at 10:35 AM, 10:39 back in recess, same as before.  
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The Court continued to discuss line item #8.

Judge Ramos says that we have the money for this, we budgeted \$4,500 and total cost of this is \$4,100.

**Motion:** to accept South Texas, **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.

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**9. 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

a. 1-19 years 2 weeks, 20+ years will have 3 years discussed the possibility of grandfathering in current employees

b. was discussed that it could be roll overed but no payout

**Motion:** to table #9 modifying the Brooks County Employee Policy and Procedure Manual for October 30th at 9 am, **Action:** Table, **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.

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**EXUCUTIVE SESSION**

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

**OPEN SESSION**

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

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**12. Adjourn**

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **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.

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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:**

  
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County Judge



**ATTESTED:**

  
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County Clerk