

# SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT

August 5, 2025

9:00 A.M.

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 9:16 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 (Not voting).

Staff Present: Missy A Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

## AGENDA

### 1. Public Comments

Irma Menchaca addressed the Court in reference to the City opening their meetings with an opening prayer; Small town with good people, concerned that the Library has reduced hours; budget don't be on cruise control, watch, asks questions, be wise and take care of our budget correctly.

### 2. Approving of 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.

### 3. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$4000.00 from 012-5-0409-5460 Autopsy to line item 012-5-0409-5505 Internet Exp.

A correction was made to the line item from 012-5-0409-5460 to 012-5-0409-5451. 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 \$500.00 from 068-5-0055-8107 Part-time, to 068-5-0055-8143 SB22.

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.

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**5. Discuss, Consider and Act on transferring \$1,500.00 from 012-5-0409-5600 Bidding Notices, to 012-5-0510-5206 Elevator Maintenance Expense.**

**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.

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**6. Budget Workshop**

Honorable Judge Eric Ramos discussed the following increases/decreases:

- As far as the Library is concerned and to clarify that hours have not been cut, that it is due to the clerk taking sick leave or vacation days; for the past 6 months now don't have the AARP Program and hopefully be getting that part-time position back
- Revenue source: haven't changed
- Cuts in personal that has been proposed
- 10% cut has not been imputed.
- effective tax rate keeps the amount the sale but would collect more due to values having gone up; non new rate would have a surplus \$191,142.00/ effective tax rate would have a surplus of \$556,841.00 (on file)
- Fund 410 OLS Salaries doesn't know how the new Auditor wants to handle this and is asking for guidance and 412 finance agreement
- On a change in 560 needs to get with the Auditor and the Sheriff on a loan that is ending this year, reducing amount of expenditure
- A difference in the amount of collections by the JP's, County and District Clerk and Sheriff; new contract with Jim Wellls
- Effective Tax rate increases taxes by 2 cents;
- County Auditor addressed the Court that the Court needs to keep in mind the shortfall that we will have at the later part of September foreseeing about \$150/160,000
- Discussed next week, we will be bringing a permit policy to be looked at, rural route for the landfill
- BCFA will be taking over the costs of the improvements, just for the County to keep cutting the grass and any repairs
- Will be adding the cost for the Blumer Building as an expenditure
- City portions have been submitted for review (MOU's)
- Oil company contacted the Tax office a couple of days ago, on payment of back taxes

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**7. Adjourn**

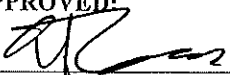
**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, Moved by Aaron Trevino, Commissioner Precinct #4, **Seconded** by Rolando Gutierrez, Commissioner Precinct #2. Motion passed unanimously.

**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.

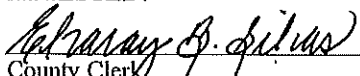
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The preceding minutes beginning on page \_\_\_\_\_ and ending on page \_\_\_\_\_, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume \_\_\_\_\_, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025, A.D.

APPROVED:

  
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County Judge



ATTESTED:

  
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County Clerk