

**SPECIAL /BUDGET WORKSHOP  
FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018  
May 12, 2017  
2:00 P.M.  
2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR COURTROOM  
BROOKS COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this day, the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Brooks County, Texas met in Special/Budget Workshop therein the City of Falfurrias in the 2nd floor Courtroom of the Brooks County Courthouse:

**OPEN MEETING**-Judge Imelda Barrera called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE** -was led by County Judge Imelda Barrera

**ROLL CALL** – Judge Imelda Barrera called for roll call:

**Present:** Imelda Barrera, County Judge,  
Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1,  
Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2,  
Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3,  
Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4,  
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk (Not voting).

**Staff Present:**

Chaya Garza, Administrative Assistant  
Missy A. Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

**Others Present:**

August Patroelj, County Auditor  
Rodney Belasquez-Internal Auditor

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**1. Discussion of the Brooks County Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, and other related budgetary items**

Honorable Judge Imelda Barrera opened the meeting up to the public for any comments or suggestions. The following was discussed:

- Celia Salinas-on getting our increase back
- Katy addressed the Court in reference to insurance won't know anything till about mid- June
- Terri Silvas- addressed the Court in reference to the 2017 Preliminary Estimated Increase/Decrease Values
- JP#1 needing a part timer at least for 3 days, or a full timer
- JP#2 requesting another full timer and a part timer, if not possible, will be ok with two part timers; asking for \$500 dollars more in her office supplies

- JP#3 requesting a full timer
- JP#4 ok with the budget, but is wondering on the 10% and the insurance and asks that a full timer be granted to JP#1
- Co. Treasurer is asking for everything to go back as it was in the prior budget year
- Elections Administrator- would like to have some time to prepare for an actual budget, asking for a part timer or if she can have some funding available to hire someone during election time
- County Extension-Celia; asking for full \$8000.00 for her out of county travel
- Constables- Noel asking for more funding for vehicle maintenance (fuel, maintenance, Radars)
- Library- Angie is asking for a part timer
- Jail-Marivette; an increase to the following office supplies to \$4500.00;supplies \$4,700.00 , uniforms \$6000.00; out of county travel \$2500.00; building 15,00000,
- Sheriff; vehicles, out of county travel
- Holidays for jail staff, dispatchers on receiving holiday pay for days that are not scheduled on the calendar
- Beto- Maintenance budget for ac and roof at the sheriffs department \* centrals, have only fixed one ; leaks still at the dispatch and jail and maybe in replacing the roof;
- Nora-District Attorney; insurance concern
- Beto leak at the library around the skylights
- David; needs equipment for working on roads (water truck, asphalt paver, asphalt distributing); adding \$10,000.00 for repairs to the warehouse; discussed in getting a mechanic for the landfill
- Katy-insurance will come up with a new plan which will have an increase of 7%
- Commissioner Martinez-plan in separating the Road and Bridge and Landfill;
- Judge- everyone concern is 10% increase (how are we financially) and on the insurance; in dividing the Road and Bridge/Landfill to 4 different departments; looking at airport contract; cemeteries(Los Olmos Cemetery since it is historical-need to look at it); maintenance at FM 755 park in Encino; show barn maintenance; old jail; selling the airport; selling the hospital ; fire department; look at interlocal agreements;
- County Auditor we are in great shape and due to the preliminary value we might be able to do what the Court wants to do;
- Charging at the landfill, issuing citations on illegal dumping
- David-Road & Bridge, continuation of trash pickup in rural areas, if so needing a new truck

Judge Barrera stated that by the 26<sup>th</sup> of May would like to have a wish list emailed to her and/or to all the commissioners. No action taken, discussion only.

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## **2. Adjourn**

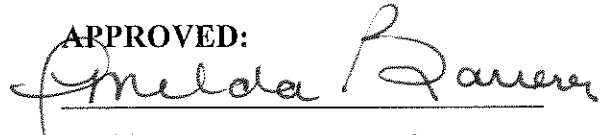
**Motion:** to adjourn at 3:31 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 5).


**Yay:** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, Vincent Vargas, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017, A.D.

**APPROVED:**

  
Imelda Barrera, County Judge

**ATTESTED:**

  
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk