

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S COURT MEETING

May 17, 2017

2:00 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 Special Term 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 2:06 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.

Absent: Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk.

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Angie Saenz-1st Assistant Auditor
Rodney Belasquez-Internal Auditor

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments at this time

AGENDA

2. Approve of Regular and Special Commissioner's Court minutes.

(4-12-17) (4-28-17) (5-9-17) (5-12-17)

Motion: to approve the minutes presented to not include the minutes from 05-09-2017,

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2. 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.

3. Discuss and Approve Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2 request of an increase in pay for her part time worker, to go from \$ 7.25 to \$ 8.50 per hour. (JP.Pct.2)

Oralia V. Morales, JP Pct#2 addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve the increase in pay to \$8.50, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2. 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.

4. Discuss and Approve Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2 request of two more part time positions at \$ 8.50 an hour. (JP.Pct.2)

Oralia V. Morales, JP Pct#2 addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve the JP's request, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yay = 3, Ney = 2, Abstain = 0).

Yay: Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

Ney: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Imelda Barrera, County Judge.

5. Discuss and Approve Order [Prohibiting OR Restricting] certain fireworks in unincorporated areas of Brooks County.

Motion: to approve order, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. Motion passed unanimously. (**On file**)

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.

6. Discuss and Act on designating the Brooks County Courthouse Annex on 408 W. Travis St. Falfurrias, Texas as per TLGC 27.051(b) (f) to hold Justice Court.

Roland Garza, JP Pct#4 addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to designate the Courthouse Annex as a place to hold Justice Court, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. 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.

7. Discuss and Approve Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Kleberg County, South Texas Specialized Crimes & Narcotics Task Force and Brooks County, Brooks County Sheriff's Office for Law Enforcement Services. (Sheriff's Office)

Urbino "Benny" Martinez, Sheriff addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve interlocal agreement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2. Motion passed unanimously. **(On file)**

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.

8. Discuss and possibly Approve providing assistance to the Falfurrias Volunteer Fire Department to provide, gathering, hauling wood, digging pits, and providing equipment and assistance on June 10, 2017 for their Annual BBQ through Road & bridge Department or contracting independent companies to do so, and the use of the Brooks County

Fairgrounds.

Ruben Ramirez, Fire Chief addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to contract out for the assistance, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. Motion passed unanimously

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yay = 3, Ney = 2, Abstain = 0).

Yay: Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

Ney: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Imelda Barrera, County Judge.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -

9. Discuss Commissioner Precinct 4 inappropriate behavior on March 8, 2017 towards Brooks County District Clerk employees.

Noe Guerra, Jr. District Clerk addressed the Court on the above matter.

Judge Barrera called to go into Executive Session at 2:30 PM. Commissioner Martinez stated that he want neither action nor discussion on this Item. Noe Guerra, District Clerk stated that he was fine with the no action, nor discussion that he would be moving forward. No action was taken.

10. ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn the 2:33 P.M., **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2. 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.

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 9th day of June, 2017, A.D.

APPROVED:

Imelda Barrera

Imelda Barrera, County Judge

ATTESTED:

Elvaray B. Silvas

Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk