

REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

June 9, 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 Regular 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,
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk (Not voting).

Absent: Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

August Patroelj, County Auditor
Rodney Belasquez-Internal Auditor

1. PUBLIC COMMENT 

Mary Soliz –addressed the Court, thanking them for the prior placement of students working at the Library.

Adam Ogan-addressed the Court on the new sound system.


PRESENTATIONS

2. Celia Salinas 

Worksite program for county employees that will target diabetes, will also involve several counties. Also that there will be a dinner tonight, program is to begin on August 1st.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Approve of Regular and Special Commissioners Court minutes.

(May 9, 2017) (May 17, 2017) (May 22, 2017) 

Motion: to approve the minutes as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 4).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

4. Approve of Bills and Claims.

Motion: to approve the bills and claims with a grand total amount of \$105,632.65, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously. (**On file**)

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yay = 4).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

6. Approve Auditor's Monthly Report

Motion: to approve the monthly report, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2. Motion passed unanimously. (**On file**)

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 4).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

5. Approve Treasurer's Monthly Report.

Motion: to approve the monthly report with \$232,763.30 total monies collected, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously. (**On file**)

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 4).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

7. Approve County Foreman's Monthly Report.

Motion: to approve the monthly report, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. Motion passed unanimously. (**On file**)


Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 4).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

8. Approve Tax Assessor Collector Chief Deputy Monthly Report.

No action at this time


9. Approve Monthly Reports by Brooks County.

(Submitted by Brooks County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1-4) (Submitted by Brooks County Library, Angelica Regalado) (Submitted by Traffic Code Enforcement Supervisor Noel Benavides). 

Motion: to approve all reports as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. Motion passed unanimously. **(On file)**

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 4).


Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

17. Discuss and Approve on hiring a Custodian/Maintenance Temporary Help to be paid at \$ 7.50 an hour. (Beto Muniz) 

Motion: to approve the hiring for temporary help and to advertise in the newspaper, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 4).


Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

13. Discuss and Approve line item transfer of \$ 3,105.16 from 012-5-0510-5206 Elevator Maintenance Exp. To 12-05-0510-8107 Temporary Help in the amount of \$ 2,760.00, to 12-05-0510-8201 Social Security in the amount of \$ 211.14, to 12-05-0510-8204 Workers Compensation in the amount of \$ 114.98 and to 12-05-0510-8205 Unemployment Insurance in the amount of \$ 19.04. (Beto Muniz) 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously. **(On file)**

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 4).


Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

15. Discuss and Approve on going out for bids for Fuel & Lubricant for a 1 year Contract: 7/13/17-7/13/18. (August Patroelj) 

Motion: to go out for bids, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 4).


Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

16. Discuss and Approve on going out for bids for Pest Control & Termite Inspection for a 1 year Contract: 6/22/17-6/22/18. (August Patroelj) 

Motion: to go out for bids, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 4).


Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

18. Discuss and Approve request of an increase for part-time position to go from \$ 7.25 to \$ 8.50 per hour. (JP. Pct. # 3, Sylvia Donnelly) 

Motion: to approve increase, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 4).


Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

19. Discuss and Approve future Justice Court Technology Fund budget expenditures. (JP. Pct. 1,) (JP. Pct. 2,) (JP. Pct. 3,) (JP. Pct. 4) 

Motion: to preapprove any expenditure, **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 = 4).


Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

24. Discuss, Consider, and Act on Tax Abatement Application of Alexis Solar, LLC. (Brandon Westlake, & Aaron Wilson) 

Motion: to approve 10 year abatement, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously. (**On file**)

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 4).


Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

10. Discuss and Approve line item transfer of \$200.00 from 013-05-0000-5105 Gas & Oil Expense to 13-05-0000-5552 Comm. # 1 Out of County Travel. (David Guerra) 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2. Motion passed unanimously. (**On file**)

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 4).


Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

11. Discuss and Approve line item transfer of \$250.00 from 013-05-0000-5105 Gas & Oil Expense to 13-05-0000-5553 Comm. # 3 Out of County Travel. (David Guerra) 

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously. **(On file)**

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 4).


Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

12. Discuss and Approve line item transfer of \$ 500.00 from 012-05-0630-5105 Gas & Oil Expense to 12-05-0630-9504 Equipment/Supplies. (August Patroelj) 


Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously. **(On file)**

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 4).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

14. Discuss and Approve line item transfer of \$ 1,500.00 from 12-05-0560-8202 County Medical Insurance, \$ 1,250.00 from 12-05-0560-5500 Telephone, \$ 2,000.00 from 12-05-0560-5136 Deputies Uniforms Etc., \$ 500.00 from 12-05-0560-5105 Gas & Oil Expense to 12-05-0560-8101 Official Payroll in the amount of \$ 1,250.00, to 12-05-0560-5820 Repairs & Maint.-Vehicle in the amount of \$ 3,500.00 and to 12-05-0560-5000 Office Supplies in the amount of \$ 500.00. (Jorge Esparza) 

No action due to changes in amounts needed.

20. Discuss, Consider, and Act to deem the 6 Palm trees located at the Brooks County Airport as surplus/salvage and discuss procedure to excavate the 6 palm trees. (Vince Vargas, Commissioner Pct. 2) 


Motion: to deem the palm trees as salvage, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 4).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

21. Discuss, Consider, and Act to sell the 6 palm trees at the County's next surplus/salvage property sale if deemed surplus/salvage. (Vince Vargas, Commissioner Pct. 2)


The above item is the same as line item #20

22. Discuss, Consider, and Act on advertising in the Falfurrias Facts to sell 6 Palm trees located at the Brooks County Airport. (Vince Vargas, Commissioner Pct. 2) 

Motion: approve advertising in the newspaper of the sale of the palm trees, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 4).


Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

23. Discuss, Consider, and Act on the possible closing of Roadside Park located on Highway 755, Encino Texas. 

Motion: to close the roadside park effective immediately, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 4).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

25. Discuss, Consider, and Approve the County's participation for Construction and Construction Engineering Direct State costs in the amount of \$ 11,420.00, (To be paid no later than June 15, 2017). (Monica Perez, TX Dot) 

Motion: to approve the County's participation cost of \$11,420.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously. (**On file**)

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 4).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

26. Discuss and Approve to authorize professional services procurement for 2017-2018 La Colonia Fund Grant. 

Motion: to approve submission of application, **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 = 4).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

27. ADJOURN

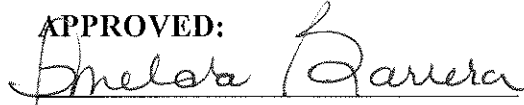
Motion: to adjourn at 2:52 P.M., **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 4).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

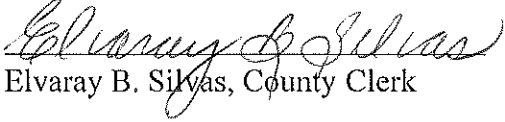
The preceding minutes beginning on page _____ and ending on page _____, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume _____, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 11th day of July, 2017, A.D.

APPROVED:



Imelda Barrera, County Judge

ATTESTED:



Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk