


REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

August 8, 2017

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 a Regular Commissioners Court 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 9:00 AM 

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
Angie Sanez-1st Assistant Auditor


1. PUBLIC COMMENT 

No public comments at this time.

PRESENTATIONS

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Approve of Regular and Special Commissioners Court minutes.

(July 11, 2017) (July 20, 2017) (July 27, 2017) 

Motion: to approve the minutes as presented, **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 = 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. Approve of Bills and Claims. 

August Patroelj, County Auditor addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve the bills and claims as presented with a total of \$58,510.68, **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 = 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.

5. Approve Auditor's Monthly Report. 

August Patroelj, County Auditor addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve the monthly report, **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 = 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. Approve Treasurer's Monthly Report. 

No action taken, passed to the next meeting

6. Approve County Foreman's Monthly Report. 

David Guerra, Road and Bridge Foreman addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve the monthly report, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **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.


7. Approve Tax Assessor Collector Chief Deputy Monthly Report. 

Terri Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve the monthly report with a total county remittance of \$29,330.18, a total percentage collections of 93.57%, and \$22,195.46 for the Motor Vehicle Report, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. 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. Approve Monthly Reports by Brooks County.
(Submitted by Brooks County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1-4) (Submitted by Brooks County Library, (Angelica Regalado) 

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

Motion: to approve as presented, **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 = 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.


9. Discuss and Approve Interlocal Agreement for E9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point Services. (Coastal Bend Council of Governments) 

Motion: to approve Interlocal Agreement for E9-1-1, **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 = 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.

12. Discuss, Consider, and Approve Hiring Raul Hernandez & Company, P.C. to perform the annual audit of Brooks County, Texas for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017.


(Raul Hernandez) 

Raul Hernandez, CPA addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve the hiring of Mr. Raul Hernandez to perform the annual audit with the same fee as the prior year and would also include the Juvenile Probation audit, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4. 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.

13. Discuss, Consider, and Approve Hiring Raul Hernandez & Company, P.C. to perform the annual audit of Brooks County, Texas sheriff forfeiture funds for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. (Raul Hernandez) 

Raul Hernandez, CPA addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve Mr. Raul Hernandez to perform annual audit for Sheriff Forfeiture Fund, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2, **Seconded by** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4. 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.

14. Discuss and Approve The Geo Group to have access to and make repairs to the current sewer Lift Station located on Brooks County Property located at 801 County Road 201.

(Brooks County Jail site) (Warden, Javier Aleman) 

Warden Javier Aleman and Edward Malex addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to give GEO Group access to the current sewer lift station to make repairs, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2, **Seconded by** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4. 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.

15. Discuss, Consider, and Approve the University of Texas Medical Branch Galveston


Indigent Health Contract. (Bobby Saenz) 

Bobby Saenz addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve contract with no change, **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.

16. Discuss and Approve line item transfer of \$ 1,600.00 from Temporary Help 5-012-0457-8170 to Office Supplies 5-012-0457-5000. (JP # 3 Sylvia Donnelly) 

Sylvia Donnelly, JP Pct#3 addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **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.

17. Discuss and possibly Approve going out for Bids to hire a survey crew for the land on the South side of the Falfurrias Village Apartments, and the Brooks County land that the

Sheriff's Department is built on. (David Guerra) 


David Guerra Road and Bridge Foreman and Lamar Villarreal addressed the Court on the above matter.

It was discussed in possibly selling the property on the south side of the Falfurrias Village Apartments to Texas Migrant School, and having David T. Garcia in seeing how the Court could go about it.

Motion: to go out for bids for the property owned by GEO and the Sheriff's department,
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.


18. Discuss, Consider, and Act on approving the certification of 2016 excess debt collections and the 2017 anticipated collection rate. (Terri Silvas) 

Terri Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve the certification of the 2016 Excess Debt Collections and the 2017 anticipated collection rate, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4. 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.


19. Discuss, Consider, and Act on accepting certified total appraised, assessed and taxable values of all property and total taxable of new property in Brooks County as certified by the Brooks County Appraisal District, the Governing Body Summary #1A and #2A, and the 2017 Planning Calendar. (Terri Silvas) 

Terri Silvas, Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve the certified total appraised, assessed and taxable value also the Governing Body Summary #1A and #2A and the 2017 Planning Calendar, with a 4 cent tax rate, **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 = 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.

21. Discuss, Consider, and Approve designating and improving the Brooks County Hospital to be used as an Emergency Shelter during Disasters. (County Judge) 

Honorable Judge Imelda Barrera, Bobby Saenz and Beto Muniz addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to designate the hospital as an Emergency Shelter during disasters, **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 = 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.

22. Discuss, Consider, and Approve Brooks County Treasurer/Payroll Dept. to establish Direct Deposit for Brooks County employees. (County Judge) 9:51 AM

Horacio Villarreal III, County Treasurer and Katy Salinas Payroll Clerk addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve direct deposit by October 2017, **Action:** Approve, **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.

23. Discuss and Approve to Rescind motion made on September 20, 2013 line item #4, "Discuss and Act to update the Brooks County Policy Manual to reflect changes from thirty-six (36) hours to twenty-four (24) hours per week maximum, for all part time/temporary employees." (Commissioner Pct. 4, Tony Martinez)

Katy Salinas Payroll Clerk addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to rescind motion previously made, **Action:** Approve, **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.

24. Discuss and Approve the Temporary Part Time hours to change from 24 hours to 28 hours each week in a position that is expected to last for a specific period of time or until a project is completed, but no longer than 12 months. To become effective October 1, 2017. (Commissioner Pct. 4, Tony Martinez)

Katy Salinas Payroll Clerk addressed the Court on the above matter.

Honorable Judge Imelda Barrera instructed to omit the word Temporary from the line item and the wording "in a position that is expected to last for a specific period of time or until a project is completed, but no longer than 12 months." from the agenda item.

Motion: to approve part timers to work 28 hours each week to become effective October 1, 2017, **Action:** Approve, **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.


25. Discuss and Act to update the Brooks County Policy Manual to reflect changes from twenty-four (24) hours to twenty-eight (28) hours each week. (Commissioner Pct. 4, Tony Martinez)

Katy Salinas Payroll Clerk addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to update the policy manual, **Action:** Approve, **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.

11. Discuss, Consider, and Approve annual contribution of \$ 2,500.00 to the Loma Blanca Soil and Water Conservation District #328. (Loma Blanca) 

Motion: to approve annual contribution of \$2,500.00, **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.

10. Discuss, Consider, and Adopt resolution designating an engineering service provider for the 2017-2018 Texas CDBG Colonia Fund-Construction application and project related engineering services. (Grantworks) 

Motion: to approve resolution to award engineering services provider to LNV Engineering, **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 = 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.

At this time the Court took a break at 10:15 AM and to return at 11:15 AM.

At 11: 15 the court resumed pursuant to recess, had technical difficulties, present same as before started the meeting at 11:19 AM.

Mr. Martin Cuellar addressed the Court in reference to line item #21, stating that he is willing to donate \$500.00 to restore the hospital to be used as an emergency disaster location.

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


The court discussed:

- Fund 13-Road and Bridge on increases and decreases to the budget; it was stated to pay two mechanics half from the road and bridge and half from the general fund (**On file**)
- Landfill Department- discussed that the county take the tires for disposal, instead of paying someone to do it; (**On file**)
- General Fund- budget includes a tax increase of 4 cents; discussed looking into a ticket writer for law enforcement to make the job easier for the JP's; including a 5% increase to all employees not including elected officials; David T. Garcia discussed in putting monies into a reserve to be used towards a self-funded insurance, maybe even

increasing the taxes and use towards that reserve; discussed grass cutting in county buildings Commissioner Vargas volunteered his time to cut the grass at the Courthouse; it was discussed to add 2 full timers and 1 part timer to the Maintenance Department and to increase Mr. Muniz salary to \$29,705.82 and to increase Mr. Huerta salary to \$24,000.00; it was discussed to increase the salary by 10% across the board;

Mr. Patroelj asked the court to recess for tomorrow to enter the amounts in increasing the taxes to 8 cents.

At 12:38 PM the Court recessed, to reconvene tomorrow Wednesday August 9, 2017 at 1:00 PM.

At 1:09 PM on Wednesday August 9, 2017 Honorable Judge Imelda Barrera reconvened the meeting. 

Honorable Judge Imelda Barrera led the Pledge of Allegiance.


Honorable 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


At 1:12 PM the court recessed till the County Auditor was present. The Court continued pursuant to recess at 2:46 PM, present same as before, including August Patroelj, County Auditor, Rodney Belasquez, Internal Auditor and Angie Saenz, 1st Assistant Auditor

The court continued to discuss line item 26. 

- A proposal with a 5% increase (\$150,000.00), a 10% increase (\$300,000.00) Raising taxes 5 cents or 7.5 cents in order to do these increases
- County Auditor suggested doing a COLA at \$1,500.00 per employee will be the same as the increase and would only raise the taxes by 5 cents

Commissioner Olivarez suggested the 5%; Commissioner Martinez on comparison on increasing 10 % or 5% recommends the 5% increase to be fair with everyone; it was stated that increasing the taxes to 5 cents or 7.5 cents, it would still be saving the tax payers money; Judge Imelda Barrera stated if you don't give the 10% back why give them a 5%; Commissioner Martinez stated for the record that District Judge Terrell will be coming back to the Court and giving his staff a 5% increase. It was discussed to stick it out another year and wait till next year

- It was discussed by Commissioner Martinez, County Treasurer, Horacio Villarreal III and August Patroelj, County Auditor in passing payroll to the County Auditor's office and will not be needing a part timer in the County Treasurer's office
- It was discussed that 4 cents were already included for the proposed budget, but it was discussed to go with 5% increase across the board
- It was also discussed that Dante Huerta would no longer have a title as the Assistant to Beto Muniz; the Court discussed the mowing of grass for county buildings, and in using the equipment from the road and bridge to do the work needed, new employees for the maintenance department will be making \$19,642.00, Mr. Muniz suggested in starting the new employees at 18,642.00 and giving the rest to Mr. Huerta; Honorable Judge Imelda Barrera suggested in recessing today in order for her proposals to be looked and worked at; Chief Deputy Terri Silvas stated that she needed this to be done today in order for her to meet her deadline;
- Commissioner Olivarez suggested in giving 5% to all who lost their 10%, Commissioner Garza also suggested to give a 5% increase for everyone who lost their 10%,
- Commissioner Martinez stated that if we go out for contract work, that would solve the problem right now for the maintenance department and just give them the 5% and the extra full time and to look at it at the next budget; it was decided to give the maintenance department 2 ½ employees
- County Judge stated to give her 5% to her assistant and Commissioner Martinez stated the he didn't want his 5%
- It was decided to go with a 5% increase for everyone who lost their 10%, which the Court would have to go with a 5% cents increase to the taxes

20. Discuss, Consider, and Act on tax rate; if proposed tax rate will exceed the rollback rate or the effective tax rate (whichever is lower), take record vote, and schedule public hearings. (Terri Silvas) 

Motion: to go with a 5 cent tax increase, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yay = 4, Nay = 1, Abstain = 0).

Yay: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

Nay: Imelda Barrera, County Judge.

27. ADJOURN.

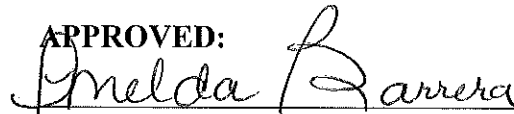
Motion: at 3:33 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. Motion passed unanimously.

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.


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 10th day of September, 2017, A.D.

APPROVED:



Imelda Barrera, County Judge

ATTESTED:


Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk