


SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
August 14, 2017
10:00A.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 Special 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 10:00 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.


AGENDA

2. Discuss and Approve to rescind line item #26 “Discussion of the Brooks County Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, and other related budgetary items.” Due to non-practicable decision. 

Motion: to rescind the motion previously made, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **none seconded**. Motion died due to lack of second. No action taken.


4. Discuss and Approve to rescind line item #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. 

No action taken per Commissioner Martinez

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

- Commissioner Martinez asked to wait for Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector, which had left to get some information.
- Beto Muniz addressed the Court on the fact that his department is the only department getting additional duties. Commissioner Martinez stated that if the County goes out for contract then his department would only get an additional full timer.
- Discussed the tax rates and wanting the numbers on the five cents

At 10:17 am the court took a 15 minute break, the court continued to recess at 10:37 AM, present same as before.

 The Court continued to discuss line item 3:

- Compared numbers on the tax rates

5. 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.

No action taken.

6. Discuss and possibly Approve increasing/decreasing salaries. 

No action taken.

7. ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn at 10:44 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4. 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 12th day of September, 2017, A.D.

APPROVED:

Imelda Barrera

Imelda Barrera, County Judge

ATTESTED:

Elvaray B. Silvas

Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk