


SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
August 31, 2017
11:00A.M.
2ND FLOOR COURTROOM
BROOKS COUNTY COURTHOUSE

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this day, the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Brooks County, Texas met in 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 11:00 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 Saenz- 1st Assistant Auditor

1. PUBLIC COMMENT 

No public comments were said at this time.

AGENDA

2. Discuss, Consider, Approve Adam Ogans Contract for 2017-2018 year.

(Adam Ogan) 

Adam Ogan, August Patroelj, County Auditor and Sheriff Martinez addressed the Court on the above matter.

Mr. Ogan asked the Court for an increase in man hours to the hours he previous had before he was cut to 675 hours. Since he has already superseded his hours and is just coming to help. He presented his contract stating that he would be willing to charge \$45,000.00. County Auditor stated that we have budgeted \$25,000.00 and we should budget \$10,000.00 more to that


line item and to discuss \$10,000.00 more, to be added by a line item from the Sheriff's Department to be used only by the Sheriff's Department

Motion: to table to give the Sheriff time to decide, **Action:** Table, **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.

3. Discuss and Approve request of fair grounds usage for the hay ride for Annual Fall Fest

Saturday, October 28, 2017. (Celia Salinas) 

Victor Cantu, Ag. Ext. Agent addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to allow usage of fairgrounds, **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.

4. Discuss, Consider, and Approve Fee Schedule for Court Appointed Counsel in Criminal

Cases. (Effective September 1, 2017) 

Motion: to approve fee schedule, **Action:** Adjourn, **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.

5. Discussion on the revised 2017 Rollback Tax Rate.

(Terri Silvas) 

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

Mrs. Silvas informed the Court that there was an error on the tax rate for the Debts the numbers were not matching. Mrs. Silvas stated that she contacted the software company and found the error. Was advised by TAC to inform the Court of the correction of the Rollback Tax Rate, so it could be recorded and filed in the minutes. Mrs. Silvas that we are ok and still under the rollback tax rate. (**On file**)

6. Discuss and Approve Brooks County Treasurer transfer of payroll duties to Brooks

County Auditor's Office. 

Horacio Villarreal III, County Treasurer addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to transfer payroll duties to Brooks County Auditor's Office, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yay = 4, Ney = 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.

Ney: Imelda Barrera, County Judge.

7. Discuss and Approve the Part-Time hourly rate for 2017-2018.  **11:20 AM**

Commissioner Olivarez addressed the Court in reference to the 7-27-2017 meeting, where it was discussed to pay a part-timer \$10.00 an hour, as far as he understood that the rate stayed at \$8.50. August Patroelj, County Auditor stated that a part-timer is to be paid \$8.50 for the General Fund and \$10.00 for Road & Bridge. It was also stated that for the Sheriff's Department it is up to the elected official.


Motion: to approve hourly rate for part-timers at \$8.50 for the General Fund and \$10.00 for Road & Bridge, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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.

8. Discuss and Approve budget amendment request of line item transfer in the amount of \$800.00, \$300.00 from 5-012-0400-5000 Office Supplies and \$500.00 from 5-012-0400-5550

Out of Co Travel to 5-012-0400-8103 Admin. Assistant.  **11:24 AM**

August Patroelj, County Auditor, Rodney Velasquez, Chaya J. Garza addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve line item transfer, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **None seconded.** Motion died due to lack of second. No action was taken, item was passed.

9. Discuss and Approve Brooks County Proposed Budget for 2017-2018 Fiscal year. 

11:33 AM

- It was discussed that there is no salary increase included in this budget for Commissioners' only for the Road & Bridge Employees.
- Mr. Patroelj stated that his budget is not included in the budget until after the District Judge holds a public meeting on September 7, 2017, where the salaries will be set for his office .
- Mr. Patroelj suggested for next year to include \$5,000.00 for the Civil Defense Line item to allow during emergency times, for employees to be paid for man hours worked. Judge Barrera suggested to place \$10,000.00 for that line item.
- Suggested to include the increase to equal \$45,000.00 for Adam and if not agreed on the contract, then monies stays there.
- Discussed the Airport contract –concern of the mowing at the airport and should have a meeting to discuss the contract.

At this time 11:49 AM the Court took a 10 minute break, the court returned to recess at 12:00 PM., present same as before. (At this time the recording stopped and was not able to record the remainder of the meeting. Due to the computer dying.)

The Court continued to discuss line item #9

Motion: to approve the Brooks County Proposed Budget for 2017-2018, **Action:** Approve, **Moved** by Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded** by Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4. **(On file)**

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yay = 4, Ney = 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.

Ney: Imelda Barrera, County Judge.

10. ADJOURN.

Motion: to adjourn at 12:03 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **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.

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. Silyas
Elvaray B. Silyas, County Clerk