


**SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**NOVEMBER 28, 2017**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> 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 9:04 AM 

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE** -was led by 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 Velasquez, Internal Auditor

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**1. Public Comments**  **8:57 AM**  
None at this time.  
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**AGENDA**

**2. Discuss, Consider and Act on RFP request for Emergency Ambulance Service Proposals for Brooks County. (Bobby Saenz, 911 Addressing/Indigent Health)**   
No action taken under this item, item was addressed under the addendum item.  
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**ADDENDUM**

**1. Discuss, Consider and Act on RFP request for Emergency Ambulance Service Proposals for Brooks County.** 

**Motion:** to act on RFP request for Emergency Ambulance Service Proposals and County Judge Imelda Barrera will oversee the RFP's, **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.


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**3. Discuss, Consider and Act on authorizing County staff to execute an agreement for Brooks County electricity needs. (Rick Ausmus, Texzon Utilities)** 

Rick Ausmus, Texzon Utilities addressed the Court on the above matter.

Mr. Ausmus gave a short presentation on what his company does. **Motion:** to table until further examination of agreement, **Action:** Table, **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.


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**4. Discuss, Consider and Approve installing stop signs at all the exists of the cemetery. (David Guerra, Brooks County Foreman)** 

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

**Motion:** to install stop signs, **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.

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**5. Discussion, and Possible Approval on the Budge Line Items End of Year Adjustments (1-18)** 

1. Line item transfer of \$ 83.38 from 012-05-0400-5550 Out of Co Travel to 012-05-0400-5000 Office Supplies.
2. Line item transfer of \$ 460.34 from 012-05-0409-5460 Appraisal District to 012-05-0409-5860 Copiers-Leasing & Maint.
3. Line item transfer of \$ 1,323.70 from 012-05-0426-5484 Crt Appt Attys-Criminal to 012-05-0409-5600 Bidding & Notices.
4. Line item transfer of \$ .02 from 012-05-0409-9022 Auto Liab/Physical Damage to 012-05-0409-9500 Technology.
5. Line item transfer of \$ 130.90 from 012-05-0435-8137 Court Coordinator to 012-05-0435-5000 Office Supplies.
6. Line item transfer of \$ 26.15 from 012-05-0456-5500 Telephone to 012-05-0456-5000 Offices Supplies.
7. Line item transfer of \$ 83.83 from 012-05-0495-5255 Computer Exp-Equip to 012-05-0495-5000 Office Supplies.

8. Line item transfer of \$ 46.10 from 012-05-0497-8103 Assistants to 012-0497-5000 Office Supplies.
9. Line item transfer of \$ .48 from 012-05-0554-5105 Gas & Oil Exp. to 012-05-0554-5820 Repairs & Maint Veh.
10. Line item transfer of \$ 1,795.11 from 012-05-0560-5500 Telephone, \$ 957.01 from 012-05-0560-8205 Unemployment Insurance, \$ 125.46 from 012-05-0560-8136 Dispatchers to 012-05-0560-5515 Radio Maint. & Repairs.
11. Line item transfer of \$ 21.22 from 012-05-0572-5500 Telephone to 012-05-0572-5000 Office Supplies.
12. Line item transfer of \$ 14,813.82 from 012-05-0560-8202 County Medical Insurance, \$ 7,206.94 from 012-05-0641-5450 Indigent-Pharmacy, \$ 6,779.59 from 012-05-0641-5456 County In-Patient and \$ 4,167.00 from 012-05-0561-8202 County Medical Insurance to 012-05-0512-5450 Prisoner's Medical Exp.
13. Line item transfer of \$ 107.15 from 012-05-0650-5500 Telephone to 012-05-0650-5000 Office Supplies in the amount of \$ 19.36 and to 012-05-0650-5002 Books in the amount of \$ 87.79.
14. Line item transfer of \$ 6,289.25 from 012-05-0435-5485 Contract Crt Reporting and \$ 3,438.35 from 012-05-0435-5550 Visiting Judge/Exp to 012-05-0409-9071 Misc/Supplies Accts Payable.
15. Line item transfer of \$ 370.00 from 012-05-0512-5720 Utilities-Water to 012-05-0512-5800 Repairs & Maint-Bldgs.
16. Line item transfer of \$ 3,061.34 from 012-05-0512-8201 Social Security Tax, \$ 2,257.31 from 012-05-0512-8202 County Medical Insurance and \$ 500.95 from 012-05-0512-8205 Unemployment Insurance to 012-05-0512-5130 Prisoner's Board.
17. Line item transfer of \$ 25.87 from 012-05-0640-5452 Burial to 012-05-0641-5457 County Out-Patient Exp.
18. Line item transfer of \$ 78.28 from 013-05-0000-5105 Gas & Oil Exp to 013-05-0000-5135 Minor Supplies & Material.

**Motion:** to approve budget line items 1-18, **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.

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**6. Discuss, Consider and Act on joining City and County Leaders across the Country officially recognizing January 21-27, 2018 as School Choice Week in Brooks County.**

**(Brooks County Judge, Imelda Barrera)** 

**Motion:** to approve proclamation, **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 = 4).

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**7. Discuss, Consider and Adopt Order Restricting Certain Fireworks in Unincorporated Areas of Brooks County, Texas for the December Firework Period (December 20-Midnight, January 1, 2018). (Brooks County Judge, Imelda Barrera)**

**Motion:** to approve resolution, **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 = 4).

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

**8. Discussion and Resolution on severe water leak at Dr. Levine's place of business (old hospital) located at 1400 S. St. Mary's. (Brooks County Judge, Imelda Barrera)**

Honorable Judge Imelda Barrera addressed the Court on the above matter. No action taken.

**9. Discuss and Act on water bill reimbursement to Dr. Levine. (Brooks County Judge, Imelda Barrera)**

No action taken, until David T Garcia has been informed.

**10. Discuss and Act on the recommendation and start date of the new hire of the Commissioner's Court Agenda Clerk. (Recommendation by HR and Road & Bridge Foreman.) (Brooks County Judge, Imelda Barrera)**

Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Katy Salinas, HR Department and David Guerra, Road and Bridge Foreman addressed the Court on the above matter

Line items 11 and 12 were addressed under this line item. Judge Barrera recommended to the Court to reclassify the agenda clerk. **Motion:** to approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **None seconded.** Motion died to lack of second. No action taken on this line item

**11. Discuss and Approve duties, salary, and hours of Agenda Clerk. (Brooks County Judge, Imelda Barrera)**

This item was in conjunction with line item 10. **Motion:** to table, **Action:** Table, **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.

**12. Discuss and Approve Office placement and equipment needed for part-time Agenda Clerk. (Brooks County Judge, Imelda Barrera)**

This item was in conjunction with line item 10. **Motion:** to table, **Action:** Table, **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).

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**ADJOURN**

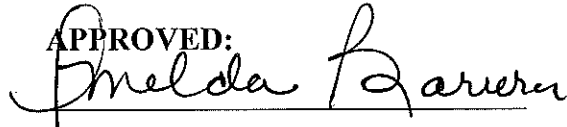
**Motion:** to adjourn at 10:02 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

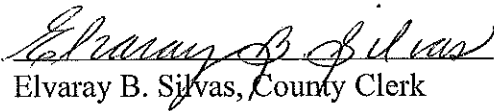
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The preceding minutes beginning on page \_\_\_\_\_ and ending on page \_\_\_\_\_, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume \_\_\_\_\_, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017, A.D.

**APPROVED:**



Imelda Barrera, County Judge

**ATTESTED:**

  
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk