

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
October 17, 2018
3:00 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 Special Term therein the City of Falfurrias in the 2nd floor Courtroom of the Brooks County Courthouse:

OPEN MEETING-Judge Eric Ramos called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE -was led by Judge Eric Ramos

ROLL CALL – Judge Eric Ramos called for roll call:

Present: Eric Ramos, County Judge,
 Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1,
 Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3,
 Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.

Absent: Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2, Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk.

Staff Present: Missy A. Saavedra, Deputy County Clerk

Others Present: August Patroelj, County Auditor

AGENDA

1. Public Comments 

Eddie Canales, Human Rights Center addressed the Court on a memorial service being held next Thursday at noon at the Sacred Heart Church Chapel also that the Virgen Guadalupe Torcha will be coming through on the 16th or 17th.

2. Approve of Regular and Special Commissioners Court minutes. (September 21, 2018)
(October 9, 2018) (Submitted by Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk) 

Motion: to approve 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:** Yes = 4).

Yes: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.

3. Bills and Claims. 

Motion: to approve the bills and claims as presented, **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:** Yes = 4).

Yes: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.

10. Discuss, Consider, and Award the Opioids Contract. 

David T. Garcia, County Attorney and Simon Panel, Phipps Deacon Purnell PLLC

Mr. Panel gave a short presentation on the Opioid ligation. It was discussed that the total cost of the litigation process would be on contingences basis of 35% (of total monies awarded to the County). It was discussed on the monies possibly awarded to the County would be set aside to determine where the money would be disbursed.

Motion: to approve the opioids contract to Phipps Deacon Purnell PLLC to handle Brooks County claim, **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:** Yes = 4).

Yes: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.

9. Discuss, Consider, and Approve Budget Amendment of \$30,000.00 to the District Judges

Budget. (Submitted by Eric Ramos, County Judge Eric Ramos) 

Judge Ramos stated that Judge Terrell asked for an expense budget and it showed that Jim Wells pays for most of the expenses of the District Judge and the District Attorney's office and have been told by their auditor that they will not be paying for Jim wells employees to work in Brooks County. David T. Garcia, County Attorney addressed the Court with an explanation on the situation at hand and to determine what should occur. Discussed in resolving this issue within a month.

Motion: to table, **Action:** Table, **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:** Yes = 4).

Yes: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.


4. Discuss, Consider and Approve authorization of a Surplus/Salvage Property Sale on November 03, 2018, at Brooks County Road & Bridge, 362 W. Travis St, Falfurrias, Texas

commencing at 10:00 A.M. (Submitted by Debra Garcia, Assistant Auditor) 

Motion: to approve surplus/salvage sale, **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:** Yes = 4).


Yes: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.

5. Discuss, Consider, and Approve the removal of salt cedar trees from the Brooks County Airport. (The removal of trees was requested by Bond Cosby) (Submitted by David Guerra, County Foreman) 

Motion: to table, **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:** Yes = 4).

Yes: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.

6. Discuss, Consider, and Approve County Road 310 A in Encino as a County Road.
(Submitted by Bobby Saenz, 911 Address Coordinator) 

Bobby Saenz addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to add County Road 310 A to the county mapping software, **Action:** Approve, **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:** Yes = 4).

Yes: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.


7. Discuss, Consider, and Approve to go out for bids to repair outdoor lights at the Brooks County Courthouse. (Submitted by Eric Ramos, County Judge Eric Ramos) 

August Patroelj, County Auditor, Judge Ramos and Dante Huerta addressed the court on the above matter.

Motion: to go out for bids, **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:** Yes = 4).

Yes: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.

8. Discuss, Consider, and Approve to begin the process to receive bids to repair the roofs at the Brooks County Jail, Blumer Building, and Juvenile Probation Office. (Submitted by Eric Ramos, County Judge Eric Ramos) 

Motion: to begin the process on developing a plan on going out for bids, **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:** Yes = 4).

Yes: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.

11. Adjourn 

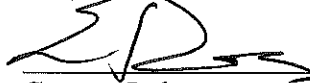
Motion: to adjourn at 4:11 PM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Yes: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.

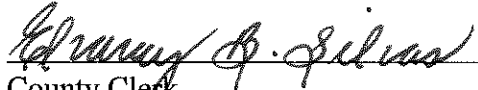
The preceding minutes beginning on page 191 and ending on page 194, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume 31, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 13th day of November, 2018, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:



County Clerk