


**REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT
December 11, 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 Regular 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 3:02 PM. 

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-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,
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:
Missy A. Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

Others Present:
August Patroelj, County Auditor

AGENDA

1. Public Comments 

Celia Salinas addressed the Court on the above matter, informing the Court that she is officially submitting her resignation to the County Judge and the Commissioners Court. Commissioner Vargas and Judge Ramos thanked her for her years of service with the county.

2. Approve of Regular and Special Commissioners Court minutes.

(November 28, 2018) (December 6, 2018) 

Item was passed, no action taken.

3. Bills and Claims 

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

Yes: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

4. Approve Monthly Reports 


- A. Treasurer’s Monthly Report**
- B. Auditor’s Monthly Report**
- C. County Foreman’s Monthly Report**
- D. Tax Assessor Collector Chief Deputy Monthly Report**
- E. Approve Monthly Reports by Brooks County**
 (Submitted by Brooks County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1-4)
 (Submitted by Brooks County Library, Angelica Regalado)
 (Submitted by Alan Hernandez, Landfill Manager)

Katy Salinas presented the County Treasurer’s report for the months of October and November 2018; August Patroelj, County Auditor presented his monthly report; Terri A. Silvas Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector presented her report for the months of October and November 2018 in open court.

Motion: to approve the monthly reports as presented, **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:** Yes = 4).


Yes: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

5. Discuss, Consider, and Approve to go out for Bids for trees to be trimmed, here at the Brooks County Courthouse. 

Motion: to go out for bids, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2, **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, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.


6. Discuss, Consider, and Approve Contract between Brooks County and Bond Cosby (Mabo Inc.) (Airport Lease & Gas Concession Agreement) 

Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court and informed them that a decision was made to go with a 20 year lease with an annual fee of \$6250.00 and every 5 years will go up \$250.00 more.

Motion: to approve a 20 year lease with an annual fee \$6250.00 and every 5 year will go up \$250.00 more, **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:** Yes = 4).

Yes: Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Eric Ramos, County Judge, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

7. Discuss, Consider, and Approve the agreement between Jim Wells County and Brooks County to fund the 79th District Court (including the Judge's and Attorney's Offices) for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. (Submitted by County Judge, Eric Ramos) 


Judge Eric Ramos addressed the Court, stating that an agreement has been made with the District Attorney's office and not the District Judge. District Attorney Carlos Garcia stated that he is ok with any option that is taken. Judge Ramos asked County Auditor, August Patroelj on his thoughts on the amending the budget. August Patroelj, County Auditor stated that the amendment could take place on the first meeting in January.

Motion: to fund the District Attorney's office with option 2, **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, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

8. Discuss, and Approve a deposit into the Sheriff's Contribution fund for monies donated to the Brooks County Sheriff's Office by Merit Energy Company-Dallas, Texas. Brooks County Sheriff's Office received a check enclosed, titled 2018 Donation Sheriff Dept.

(Submitted by Commander, Jorge Esparza) 

Jorge Esparza, Commander addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to accept the donation of \$1,000.00, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2, **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, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

9. Discuss, and Approve a Stipend for Deputy/K-9 handler John Gomez for \$ 3,000.00 in accordance with the Fair Labor Standards Act and the K-9 handler.

(Submitted by Commander, Jorge Esparza) 

Jorge Esparza, Commander addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve stipend which is to be divided per pay period, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2, **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, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

10. Discuss and Approve a deposit into the Sheriff's Contribution fund for monies donated to the Brooks County Sheriff's Office by Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP.

(Submitted by Commander, Jorge Esparza) 

Motion: to approve donation as determined by Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson LLP, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Eric Ramos, County Judge. 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, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

11. ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn at 3:35 pm, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2, **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, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

The preceding minutes beginning on page 211 and ending on page 214, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume 37, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 8th day of January, 2018, A.D.

APPROVED:



County Judge

ATTESTED:


County Clerk