

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
February 1, 2018
2:00 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 Imelda Barrera called the meeting to order at 2:10 PM

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,
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
Angie Saenz, 1st Assistant Auditor
Rodney Belasquez, Internal Auditor

1. Public Comments

Jorge Esparza, Commander informed the Court as per jail standards changes are being made to where anybody coming into the jail taking medications would have to be approved by a doctor to make sure correct medications are being taken. It used to be where an LVN or a nurse would give an ok.

AGENDA

2. Approve of Bills, Claims

August Patroelj, County Auditor addressed the Court at this time.

Motion: approve the bills and claims as presented, **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 = 5).

Yes: 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 a \$500 incentive for every employee in the Road and Bridge Department that has a CDL from line item 013-0000-9097. (Submitted by David Guerra, Foreman)

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

Mr. Guerra stated that the incentive was included in the budget just needs to be approved by the Court; there is \$10,000.00 in there which will be for 7 employees.

Motion: to approve \$500 incentive, **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 and approve for BCFA to use the entire fairgrounds for County fair and Carnival (February 26- March 4, 2018) (Submitted by Arnold Mireles, BCFA President)

Arnold Mireles, BCFA President addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: approve use of entire fairgrounds. , **Action:** Approve, **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 = 5).

Yes: 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. Discuss and approve lift of beer ban for the BCFA Fair (February 26- March 4, 2018) (Submitted by Arnold Mireles, BCFA President)

Arnold Mireles, BCFA President addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to lift beer ban for the BCFA fair, **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:** Yes = 5).

Yes: 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.

6. Discuss, Consider and Approve Order Restricting Outdoor Burning. (Burn Ban) (Submitted by Judge Imelda Barrera)

Ruben Ramirez addressed the Court on the above matter.

Motion: to approve burn ban, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously. (**On file**)

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: 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.

10. Discuss and approve the request for a traffic sign to be posted on Co. Rd. 214, to advise vehicles to slow down as per the request of Mrs. Veronica Villarreal. (Submitted by Judge Imelda Barrera)

Motion: to approve request of traffic sign, **Action:** Approve, **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 = 5).

Yes: 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.

11. Discuss and approve resolution adopting the FEMA approved Brooks County, Texas Hazard Mitigation Plan. (Submitted by Judge Imelda Barrera)

Motion: to approve resolution, **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 = 5).

Yes: 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.

12. Discuss and approve submission of grant application and resolution for the 2018-2019 Alien Death Processing and Missing Person Assistance Grant. (Submitted by La-nani Perez, Sheriff's Department)

Motion: to approve submission and resolution, **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 = 5).

Yes: 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.

13. Discuss and approve resolution to continue operating the 79th Judicial District Drug/Alcohol Court Diversion Program for FY 2019. (Submitted by Albert R. Ramirez, CSCD Director)

Albert Ramirez, CSCD Director addressed the Court on the above matter

Motion: approve resolution, **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 = 5).

Yes: 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.

14. Discuss and approve installation of security cameras on the second floor of the Blumer Building for the purpose of monitoring the safety of probation staff. (Submitted by Albert R. Ramirez, CSCD Director)

Albert Ramirez, CSCD Director addressed the Court on the above matter

Mr. Ramirez stated that he recently installed some cameras in his Jim Wells department and wants to do the same here in Brooks. He stated that he just needs the approval and he will purchase them and it won't cost the county anything.

Motion: to approve the installation at no cost to the County, **Action:** Approve, **Moved** by Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded** by Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Yes: 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.

15. Discuss and approve a proclamation from the Office of the Governor Greg Abbott, proclaiming January 2018 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month. (Submitted by Judge Imelda Barrera)

Judge Imelda Barrera read proclamation in open Court.

Motion: to approve proclamation, **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 = 5).

Yes: 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.

16. Discuss, Consider and Approve the lateral transfer of Elida Vera from Department of Public Safety secretary to Brooks County Sheriff's Office secretary. (Submitted by Sheriff Urbino Martinez)

Sheriff Martinez, Commander Jorge Esparza and August Patroelj, County Auditor addressed the Court on the above matter.

The above matter was discussed on transferring Mrs. Vera to the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Patroelj stated that the monies should have been transferred first before placing her there. Mr. Patroelj also stated that the amounts wanting to be transferred were incorrect since monies have already been used for the last 4 months. **-View Audio for full detail**

The Judge and Sheriff Martinez asked that August Patroelj, County Auditor be removed from the Court.

At this time 2:38 PM the court took a 20 minute recess, court came back into session at 3:02 PM, present same as before. Judge Imelda Barrera stated that any other outbursts that are not followed by what the judge recommends will be enforced again.

The Court continued to discuss line item #16

Motion: to approve lateral move, **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 = 5).

Yes: 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.

17. Discuss, Consider and Approve the budget line items transfer from Department of Public Safety to the appropriate Brooks County Sheriff's Office budget line items. They are as followed: (Submitted by Sheriff Urbino Martinez)

5-012-0573-8105 Secretary	\$29, 484.00
5-012-0573-8201 Social Security	\$ 2,255.53
5-012-0573-8202 County Medical Insurance	\$ 6,918.48
5-012-0573-8203 Retirement	\$ 424.57
5-012-0573-8204 Workers Compensation	\$ 125.12
5-012-0573-8205 Unemployment Insurance	\$ 229.98
5-012-0573-8206 TCDRS-GTL	\$ 197.54
5-012-0573-8208 Sunlife Insurance	\$ 221.76
Total	\$39, 856.98

Sheriff Martinez, Commander Jorge Esparza and August Patroelj, County Auditor addressed the Court on the above matter.

The Court discussed the above matter in open court-View audio for comments

At this time 3:08 PM the Judge Barrera asked for Mr. Patroelj, to be escorted out and a recess was taken. At 3:10 PM, Judge Imelda Barrera came back and stated that she no longer had a quorum since Commissioners Garza, Vargas and Martinez left the meeting, (since they wanted to recess till tomorrow 2:00 PM) and stated that until she gets a quorum we shall see you till then.

****Since there was neither a date nor time given to the public on the recess of the meeting, the rest of the agenda items not taken action on would have to be reposted. Meeting ended at this time. ****

7. Discuss, Consider and Approve Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Emergency Medical/Ambulance Service. (Submitted by Judge Imelda Barrera)

8. Discuss, and Approve to open bids for Emergency Medical/Ambulance Service. (Submitted by Judge Imelda Barrera)

9. Discuss, Consider and Act on request from TruEnergy on an L.O.E for the County of Brooks utility's/ and or the utility folder. In order to customize a savings proposal for the County Of Brooks. (Submitted by Brittany Jensen, Account Manager)

18. Discuss, Consider and Approve on line item transfer of \$900.00 from 5-012-0562-5135 (supplies-Other) to line item 5-012-0562-8129 (Overtime). (Submitted by Sheriff Urbino Martinez)

19. Discuss and approve Records Management monies to purchase bank note paper from Banknote Corporation of America for Brooks County Vital Records. (Submitted by Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk)

20. Discuss and approve the Brooks County Clerk's Office usage of Records Management monies for any purchases needed (following guidelines), without having to come before Commissioners' Court. (Submitted by Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk)

21. Discuss, Consider and Act in allowing the 4-H to use the JM Alaniz Fairgrounds on Saturday February 24, 2018 for a Youth Ranch Rodeo. (Submitted by Veronica Salazar, Administrative Assistant, Brooks County Extension Office)

22. Discuss and Approve line item transfer of \$3,000.00 from 012-5-0572-8105 Secretary to 012-5-0572-5000 Office Supplies. (Submitted by Sergeant Ronald Nelson TxDPS)

23. Discuss, Consider and Act on a presentation from Tradition Energy and allowing them to conduct an RFP for the County. (Submitted by Connor McMahon, Tradition Energy)

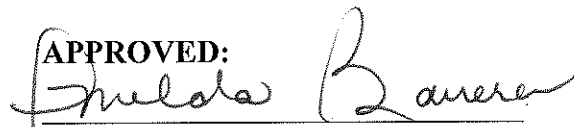
24. Adjourn

ADDENDUM

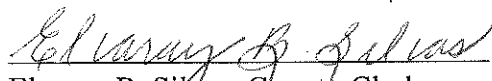
1. Discuss, Consider, and Act to approve the Motor Vehicle Monthly reports for November and December 2017. (Submitted by Terri A. Silvas, Chief Deputy TAC)

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 23rd day of March, 2018, A.D.

APPROVED:


Imelda Barrera, County Judge

ATTESTED:


Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk