


**REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT  
FEBRUARY 13, 2018  
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 Regular 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 9:00 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,  
Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3,  
Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4,  
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk (Not voting).

**Absent:** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.


**Staff Present:**  
Missy A. Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

**Others Present:**  
August Patroelj, County Auditor  
Rodney Belasquez, Internal Auditor

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**1. Public Comments**

There were no public comments at this time.  
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**AGENDA**

**9. 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

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

Jorge Esparza asked that no action be taken until amounts are corrected or asked if not with the courts approval, to have the line items stay the same and then next budget year for amounts to be included in their budget.

**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).

**Yay:** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.

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**2. Approve of Regular and Special Commissioners Court minutes.**

**(January 9, 2018 and February 1, 2018)** 

**Motion:** to pass until the next Commissioners Court meeting, **Action:** Pass, **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, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.

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**3. Approve of Bills and Claims.** 

August Patroelj, County Auditor addressed the Court on the above matter.

**Motion:** to approve the bills and claims with a total amount of \$73,840.24, **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, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.

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**4. Approve Treasurer's Monthly Report.** 

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

**Motion:** to approve monthly report with a total distribution of monies of \$1,312,410.07, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. (**On file**)

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

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

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**5. Approve Auditor's Monthly Report.** 

August Patroelj, County Auditor addressed the Court on the above matter.

**Motion:** to approve monthly report, **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, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.

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At this time the Court took a moment of silence in memory of Berta Nino, Agenda Clerk.  
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**7. Approve Tax Assessor Collector Chief Deputy Monthly Report.** 

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

**Motion:** to approve the monthly report with a total County remittance of \$1,087,585.17, with a total collection of 85.88%, and the Motor Vehicle Monthly report with a county remittance of \$17,596.48 for November 2017, December 2017 with a county remittance of \$12,436.28 and for January 2018 county remittance of \$23,144.53, **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:** Yes = 4).

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

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**6. Approve County Foreman's Monthly Report.** 

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

**Motion:** to approve monthly report, **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:** Yes = 4).

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

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**11. 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)** 

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

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **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, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.


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**20. Discuss, Consider and Approve the TYCO Fire and Safety Proposal and Contract in reference to the State Fire Marshal inspection that must be conducted annually as per Texas Commission of Jail Standards. (Submitted by Jorge Esparza, Commander)** 

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

**Motion:** to approve contract, **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, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.


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**15. 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)** 

Sergeant Andrew Smith, TxDPS addressed the Court on the above matter.

**Motion:** to approve line item transfer, **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, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.


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**12. 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)** 

Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk addressed the Court on the above matter.

**Motion:** to approve purchase, **Action:** Approve, **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:** Yes = 4).

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


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**13. 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)** 

Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk addressed the Court on the above matter.

**Motion:** to allow usage of monies, **Action:** Approve, **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:** Yes = 4).

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

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**14. 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)** 

Celia Salinas, Ext. Agent addressed the Court on the above matter.

**Motion:** to approve usage of fairgrounds, **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, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.

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

Was in conjunction with line item 7, action taken on line item #7.

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**18. Discussion on Justice of the Peace Pct. 3 audit.**

**(Submitted by August Patroelj- Brooks County Auditor)** 


Angela Perez, Assistant Auditor addressed the Court on the above matter.

Ms. Perez stated she along with August Patroelj, County Auditor and Rodney Velasquez, Internal Auditor performed an audit from September 2007 through October 2017. All audit findings have been addressed and corrected. No action taken, discussion only.

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**19. Discuss, Consider and Act for Brooks County Offices to be closed on March 6, 2018 for the Primary Election. (Submitted by Commissioner Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez)** 

A discussion was held and no action was taken.

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**21. Discussion on Opioid Litigation presentation.**

**(Submitted by Bobby Saenz, 911 Addressing/Indigent)** 

Bobby Saenz, 911 Addressing/Indigent addressed the Court on the above matter.

Mr. Saenz stated on the request made by the attorneys, the report has several pages and will have it on drive since report contains over 800 pages. Mr. Saenz went on to say that the County in 12 years has spent a total of \$463,325. 70. Discussion only, no action taken.

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**16. 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)** 

Passed until someone is present, and to place on the next agenda.

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**8. Approve Monthly Reports by Brooks County.** 

(Submitted by Brooks County Justice of the Peace Precinct 1-4)

(Submitted by Brooks County Library, Angelica Regalado)

Item was passed by the Court, until officials are present.

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**22. Discuss, Consider and Act on allowing Brooks County to maintain Boykin Road.**

**(Submitted by Larry Boykin)** 

Larry Boykin, Rey Rodriguez, and Bobby Saenz, 911 Addressing addressed the Court on the above matter. It was discussed that the neither a school bus nor an ambulance could not pass-through

**Motion:** to have Commissioner Olivarez look at all requirements needed to make it a county road and come back to court when ready, **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: Yes = 4).

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

**10. 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)**

The item was passed, until someone is present.

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**23. Adjourn**

**Motion:** to adjourn at 9:48 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3. Motion passed unanimously.

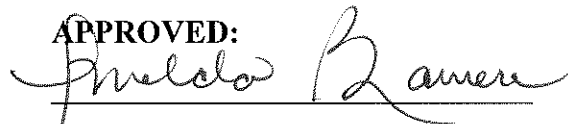
**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yay = 4).

**Yay:** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.

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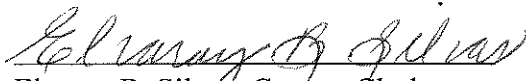
The preceding minutes beginning on page \_\_\_\_\_ and ending on page \_\_\_\_\_, of the Commissioners' Court Minutes Volume \_\_\_\_\_, read and approved in the Honorable Commissioners' Court this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2018, A.D.

**APPROVED:**



Imelda Barrera, County Judge

**ATTESTED:**



Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk