


**REGULAR COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**April 10, 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:

**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 Belasquez, Internal Auditor


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**1. Public Comments** 

Jorge Esparza, Commander addressed the Court on the advancement on technology at the sheriff's department, and they will be going electronic on the way citations are handled with the JP's, all funds will be used from the technology fund will, cost roughly \$5,000.00 for the installation and then \$500.00 a year.

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**AGENDA**

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

**(March 23, 2018)** 

**Motion:** to approve the minutes 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, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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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, **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, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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

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

**Motion:** to approve the auditor's monthly report, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **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, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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

August Patroelj, County Auditor addressed the Court on the above matter, since Mr. Villarreal was out sick.

**Motion:** to approve the treasurer's monthly report, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **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, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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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 the 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, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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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, **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, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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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)**

**Motion:** to approve JP's 1-4 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, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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**9. Discuss and approve \$19,534.83 to be returned back to the County.** **(Submitted by**

**Andrew Smith, Sergeant TxDPS Highway Patrol)** 

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

**Motion:** to approve amount returned, **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, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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**10. Discuss and approve line item transfer of \$1,000.00 from 012-05-0497-5000 Office Supplies to 012-5-0497-9080 Registration Fees in the amount of \$175.00 and to 012-5-0497-5550 Out of Co Travel in the amount of \$825.00.** **(Submitted by Horacio Villarreal III,**


**County Treasurer)** 

August Patroelj, County Auditor 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, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.


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**11. To Approve the correction of minutes of the following date and agenda item, to include the word "On File":** 

- December 12, 2017, Line Item # 11

**Motion:** to approve correction, **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, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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**12. Discuss and approve Interlocal Agency Agreement Alice/Brooks Taskforce (Submitted by Sheriff Urbino Martinez)** 


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

**Motion:** to approve interlocal agreement, **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, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.


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**13. Discuss, Consider and Act on lifting alcohol ban for the Vaqueros of South Texas, Ranch Rodeo to be held on July 30, 2018. (Submitted by Veronica Salazar, Administrative Assistant, Ag. Ext.)** 

Victor Cantu, Ag. Ext. addressed the Court on the above matter.

**Motion:** to lift alcohol ban, **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 = 4).

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


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**14. Discuss, Consider and Act on work needed on the roof of the Brooks County Jail and Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$20,000.00 for new roof or just repairs at \$4,800.00. (Submitted by Beto Muniz, Maintenance Supervisor)** 

Beto Muniz, Maintenance Supervisor addressed the Court on the above matter.

**Motion:** to go with the \$20,000.00 bid, **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, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.


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**15. Discuss, Consider and Act on award of construction contract for the GLO Drainage projects at East Travis Rd., Palo Blanco Ditch, and South Highway 281 Ditch for the DRS220016 grant. (Submitted by Jeff Carrillo, GrantWorks)** 

Sammy Maldonado, LNV addressed the Court on the above matter.

**Motion:** to go on the recommendation of LNV and to go with RDH Site and Concrete with a total bid of \$59,059.50, **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, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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**16. Discuss, Consider and Act on authorization of a Surplus/Salvage Property Sale on May 12, 2018, at Brooks County Road & Bridge, 362 W Travis St, Falfurrias, Texas, commencing at 10:00 AM (Submitted by Rodney Belasquez, Internal Auditor)** 

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

**Motion:** to approve surplus/salvage sale, **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, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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**17. Discuss, Consider and Act on request from Loma Blanca Soil & Water Conservation District#328 to proclaim April 29, 2018 to May 6, 2018 as Soil & Water Stewardship Week.**

**(Submitted by Sherry Garcia, District Clerk, Loma Blanca SWCD #328)** 

**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 = 4).

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

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**18. Adjourn**

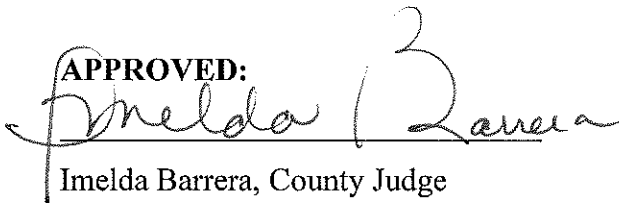
**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1. Motion passed unanimously.

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

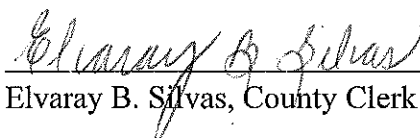
**Yay:** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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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 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018, A.D.

**APPROVED:**

  
Imelda Barrera, County Judge

**ATTESTED:**

  
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk