

SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT
JUNE 21, 2018
10:00 A.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 2st floor Conference Room of the Brooks County Courthouse:

OPEN MEETING-Judge Imelda Barrera called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM

Technically difficulty

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,
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 Clerk

Others Present:
August Patroelj, County Auditor
Angie, Internal Auditor

AGENDA

1. Public Comments 


There were no public comments said at this time.

2. Approve of 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, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.

3. Discussion of the Brooks County Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, and other related budgetary items. 

August Patroelj, County Auditor addressed the Court in reference to medical insurance, ambulance service, retirement numbers, jail salaries, landfill secretary (can't be funding state employees); charging rent to the DPS (MOU); \$100,000 loss of tax valuation

-Judge Barrera stated she signed a local disaster proclamation signed (letter to the governor for assistance)

-landfill department-will be short in revenue, how are we going to handle the shortage -Judge Barrera suggested a \$10,000 cut from commissioners court to make up for the shortage-discussed lowering the budget-discussed hiring a collecting agency to do the collecting (lower the projection)

-health insurance extended the submission for two more weeks; self-funded is a good idea

-ambulance service; Monday is the last day- if no bids are submitted would stay with the same ambulance service

-jailers salary; increase the salary to meet GEO Salary (losing employees due to the salary) \$96,000 including fridge and benefits (budgets from DPS and weight scale can be moved to supplement the increase or use sheriff payment for vehicle to pay the increase) \$14.50, 15.50, 16.50 per hour.

-Retirement-lowered last budget year; increase contribution (employee 5%- employer 2%)

-Highway department- discussed creating an MOU and charging them \$500.00 a month for rent of the space used

-Road and Bridge Department- Commissioners' would no longer be paid out of that fund; move their salary and place it in the general fund

-auditor office looking for a new financial software \$36,000 annual maintenance of 1.5 million, 500,000 526,339.04

-discussed different budgets

-county judge \$10,000 from official payroll salary (auditor stated that he will check if that is possibly)

Commissioners court- would be moved to the general fund; move agenda back to the judge; add monies \$1000 to official bonds; \$1500 dues; \$ 1500 registration; \$2000 out of county travel

County clerk add \$250 for bond

Miscellaneous- property insurance increase \$4000; auto liability damage increase \$8000; technology Ogan contract minus \$10,000.00; technology add \$10,000

County court- reporter -decrease 500.00;

District clerk add \$250.00 bonds

JP's 1-4 add monies for bonds \$250; add office supplies to JP2 \$500

Treasurer's- add Office supplies \$500; add \$250 for bonds

Voter registration- discussed voting machines; decrease \$13,000 from election expense
Courthouse and building- add a part-timer as needed \$10,000 (\$8.50 an hour);

Jail; increase the salaries; discussed hiring a full time maintenance person just for the jail;
increase prisoner's board \$15,000; overtime add \$5000;

County extension service- increase out of county travel \$4000; increase \$500 for registration;

At 12:07 PM the Court recessed for lunch and to be back at 1:30PM. The Court came
back into session at 1:35 PM. Present same as before.

The continued to discuss increases and decreases of the budget: they discussed the
following departments:

Tax Assessor-Collector office-leave as is

Constable 1- \$50.00 for Repairs and Maintenance

Constable 2-\$50.00 for Repairs and Maintenance

Constable 3-\$1000 for Gas & Oil; \$50.00 for Repairs and Maintenance

Constable 4- \$50.00 for Repairs and Maintenance

Sheriff's Budget- asked for a full time officer-discussed giving one officer; increase \$2000 to
Other Supplies; decrease interest for dept to zero

Sheriff's Traffic Division- increase gas \$3000; add \$500 to Maintenance and Operations

Dispatchers- increase \$2500 to Overtime;

Adult Probation- leave as is

Texas Department of Public Safety- to be all zeros

DPS License and Weights-to be all zeros

Discussed going out for bids for fixing the north bond weight scale

LEPC Coordinator- increase Fire Department Assistance \$14,000; Southern Brooks increase
\$6,500; Miscellaneous increase \$3,000

Health and Welfare- leave as is

State Indigent Hlth/Care Program-leave as is

OPC/911/EMS-leave as is

Library- leave as is

Road and Bridge Fund:

Removing the commissioner's salary; out of county travel; increase water (since the commissioners budget will be separated from the road and bridge)

4. Adjourn 

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 pm, **Action:** Adjourn, **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, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Imelda Barrera, County Judge, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4.

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 10th day of July, 2018, A.D.

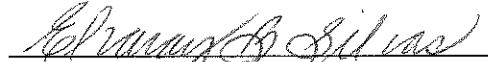
APPROVED



Imelda Barrera, County Judge



ATTESTED:


Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk