

**SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**JULY 2, 2018**  
**9:00 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 2nd floor Court Room of the Brooks County Courthouse:

**OPEN MEETING**-Judge Pro-Tem Commissioner Garza called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM (due to technical difficulties)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE** -was led by Judge Pro-Tem Commissioner Garza

**ROLL CALL** – Judge Pro-Tem Commissioner Garza called for roll call:

**Present:** 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).

**Absent:** Imelda Barrera, County Judge.

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

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

**AGENDA**

**1. Public Comments**

- Luis Arevalo addressed the Court on the bridge on County Road 220
- Randy Endsley- Chief Medical Officer Halo flight addressed the Court on the Brooks County EMS Contract
- Rudy Madrid, Kleberg County Judge addressed the Court on health care- Ambulance service-Halo Flight
- Jane Haas- Marketing Director for Halo Flight- discussed the Guardian Ranch plan for Brooks County
- Phil Esquivel, handles the Kleberg County health insurance addressed the Court on Ambulance Service

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**3. Open, Review and possibly take action on Ambulance bids.**

David T. Garcia addressed the Court on the above matter.

Commissioners Court opened the bids in open Court, received two Bids one from Willacy County EMS and the other from AirMed.

**Motion:** to table and have the committee review, **Action:** Table, **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, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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**4. Discuss, consider and approve bid amount for the installation of speed bumps on County Roads 301 and 302. (Approval of speed bumps was made on June 29, 2017 Agenda Item #22). (Submitted by Commissioner Olivarez)**

**Motion:** to approve of Delta Specialties in the amount of \$2,018.60, **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 = 4).

**Yes:** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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**2. Approve of Bills and Claims**

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

Mr. Patroelj stated that there were no bills just 4 claims.

1. Tower at the sheriff's office
2. Frontier –cable damage
3. Fire department building not on insurance- placed on insurance and has water damage that will be fixed
4. Last year submitted a claim to TAC on an audit for the motor vehicle department – at a hold since no paperwork has been done on the case-still pending

**Motion:** to approve the claims as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2, **Seconded by** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4. 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, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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**5. Discuss and approve the following line item transfers. (Submitted by August Patroelj, County Auditor)**

- a. Discuss and approve line item transfer of \$350.00 from 012-5-0409-9066 Civil Defense to 012-5-0409-8203 Retirement.

- b. Discuss and approve line item transfer of \$1,000.00 from 012-5-0409-9066 Civil Defense to 012-5-0409-8204 Workers Compensation.
- c. Discuss and approve line item transfer of \$5,000.00 from 012-5-0409-9066 Civil Defense to 012-5-0409-9071 Misc./Supplies Accts. Payable

**Motion:** to approve line item transfers a-c, **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, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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**6. Discuss and approve the following line item transfers. (Submitted by Jorge Esparza, Commander)**

- a. Discuss and approve line item transfer of \$1,500.00 from 012-05-0512-8202 County Medical Insurance to 012-5-0512-5137 Jail Linens.
- b. Discuss and approve line item transfer of \$500.00 from 012-5-0561-5550 Out of County Travel, \$1,000.00 from 012-5-0561-9070 Miscellaneous, and \$500.00 from 012-5-0561-9502 Cap Outlay Equip. & Vehicle to 012-5-0561-5105 Gas & Oil Exp.

**Motion:** to approve line item transfers a-b, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, **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, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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**7. Discuss and approve Courthouse Security at the Courthouse Annex with a salary of regular starting pay of \$26,772.23. (Submitted by Jorge Esparza, Commander)**

Jorge Esparza addressed the Court on the above matter.

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

**Yes:** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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**ADDENDUM**

**1. Discuss and approve the work done on the Press Box at the JM Alaniz Arena and the utilization of the Arena on July 3, 2018 by Mike Munoz. (Submitted by Victor Cantu, Ag. Ext.)**

Victor Cantu addressed the Court on the above matter.

Mr. Cantu handed a list of the work done on the press box. **Motion:** to approve the utilization of the arena, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, **Seconded by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1.

**Vote:** Motion tied (**summary:** Yes = 2, No = 2, Abstain = 0).

**Yes:** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1.

**No:** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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**Executive Session-** At this time 9:50 am the Court went into Executive Session, at 10:04 AM the court came back into session, present same as before.

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**8. Discuss and possibly take action to appoint a County Judge, pursuant to section 26.017 of the Texas Government Code.**

**Motion:** to appoint Eric Ramos as the County Judge, effective immediately, **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 = 4).

**Yes:** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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**9. Adjourn**

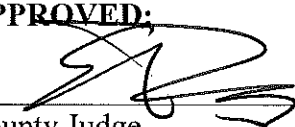
**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 AM, **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, **Seconded by** Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2. Motion passed unanimously.

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

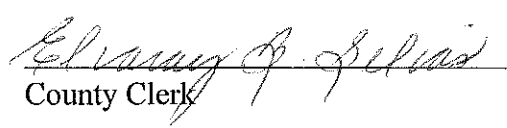
**Yay:** Armando Olivarez, Commissioner Precinct 3, Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4, Vincent Vargas, Commissioner Precinct 2.

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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 14th day of August, 2018, A.D.

**APPROVED:**

  
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County Judge

**ATTESTED:**

  
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County Clerk