

**SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**DECEMBER 22, 2017**  
**11:00 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 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 11:03 AM

**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.

**Absent:** Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk.

**Staff Present:**

Chaya Garza, Administrative Assistant  
Missy A. Saavedra, Deputy Clerk

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**1. Public Comments**

Katy Salinas, HR Department introduced Hermelinda Salazar to the Court stating that she will be working 86 hours with Bobby Saenz through a program with Southern Careers Institute.

Ruben Ramirez, Fire Chief addressed the Court on the ambulance service provided by AirMed.

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Judge Imelda Barrera stopped the meeting due to recording system not recording properly. Came back into session at 11:06 AM, continued to discuss under public comments.  
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Ruben Ramirez, Fire Chief continued to address the court on the ambulance service and the issues he has had with AirMed; in not having an ambulance available and times not properly being met.

Ruben Villarreal, Directors of Operations for Andrew Lavine CPA addressed the Court on the status of new clinic being built and anticipate occupying the building within 30 days.

Berta Nino thanked the court for hiring her and looks forward in working with the Commissioners' Court.

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**AGENDA**

**2. Approve of Bills and Claims and Payroll**

Item passed, no action taken.

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**3. Tabled Item #8 at Regular Commissioner's Court-December 12, 2017**

**Approve Monthly Reports by Brooks County**

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

Item passed, no action taken.

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**4. Discussion of contract between Brooks County and Hidalgo County Emergency**

**South Texas Air Med. (Judge Imelda Barrera)**

Lee Garcia and David De Los Santos, AirMed, Bobby Saenz 911 Addressing/Indigent addressed the Court on the above matter.

Honorable Judge Barrera stated that she had placed this item on the agenda since she has received numerous of calls. Judge Barrera asked the Commissioners if they have received any complaints. Each Commissioner addressed their concerns, on not having ambulances available and the wait time being too long.

Mr. Garcia and Mr. De Los Santos addressed the Court stating that there is not a problem and that they have provided extra back up ambulance multiple times. The only issue is a communication issue since there is only 2 radios available and if there is an another call no one will answer, that's when a call is placed to the ambulance dispatch.

Mr. Saenz addressed the court on the issues and possible approving an individual or a committee to oversee the ambulance service.

No action taken, discussion only

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**5. Discuss submission of Request for Proposals for Emergency Ambulance Service.**

**(Judge Imelda Barrera)**

Judge Imelda Barrera asked the Court on what the court wanted to do. All Commissioners stated that they would like to go out for bids. Commissioner Martinez asked how long to advertise. It was decided to create an Advisory Board committee to oversee the RFP. No action taken discussion only.

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**6. Consider and Approve Brooks County Fairground Annual Vaqueros Trail Riders for**

**February 7, 2018 (Judge Imelda Barrera)**

**Motion:** to approve the usage of fairgrounds, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Gloria Garza, Commissioner Precinct 1, **Seconded by** Jose Antonio "Tony" Martinez, Commissioner Precinct 4. 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.

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**7. Adjourn**


**Motion:** to adjourn at 12:15 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:** 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.

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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 9th day of January, 2018, A.D.

**APPROVED:**

  
Imelda Barrera, County Judge

**ATTESTED:**

  
Elvaray B. Silvas, County Clerk