

**CALLED MEETING OF BREWSTER COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT TUESDAY,
JANUARY 6, 2015
9:00a.m.**

Judge Cano called this meeting to order. Officers present are listed as follows:

ELEAZAR R. CANO	COUNTY JUDGE
GEORGE JOHNSON	COMMISSIONER PCT. 1
HUGH GARRETT	COMMISSIONER PCT. 2
RUBEN ORTEGA	COMMISSIONER PCT. 3
MIKE "COACH"	COMMISSIONER PCT. 4
PALLANEZ BERTA RIOS-	COUNTY CLERK
MARTINEZ RUTH STATON	COUNTY TREASURER
BETTY JO ROONEY	TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR

To discuss and take action as appropriate on the following:

1. County Judge's request for authorization for new signatures on County Bank Accounts/ Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano advised that the Court needed authorization for new signatures on County Bank Accounts. Judge Cano asked County Treasurer, Ruth Staton to advise the Court what needed to be done. Ruth Staton stated that in the past that were two signatures on checks being used for payroll and bills, County Clerk Berta Rios-Martinez, had advised Staton that she did not want to sign checks any longer, so Staton stated Betty Jo Rooney had agreed to sign the checks, and Staton also stated she wanted to assign Judge Cano as an alternate.

Commissioner Ortega advised the Court that about 2 years, Commissioners Court was advised by TAC Representative Jim Allison, that it was in their best interest they did not sign checks because the Court is approving the bills, and they had also discussed with Greg Hudson. Commissioner Ortega had placed a call into Greg Hudson and stated he was waiting on a phone call back. At that point, Commissioner Ortega received a call from Greg Hudson. Treasurer Staton stepped out to get County Attorney Steve Houston. Judge Cano called a recess at 9:02 am.

The Court reconvened at 9:05 a.m. Judge Cano asked Commissioner Ortega about what Greg Hudson recommended, Commissioner Ortega told the Court that he recommended the Court not sign the checks, Judge Cano then asked County Attorney Houston, what was his thought. County Attorney Houston told the Court that he remembered Commissioners signing check in the past, Commissioner Ortega stated that yes he remembered signing check but after TAC Representative Jim Allison, advised the Court, that it was best they didn't sign the checks. County Judge asked County Clerk, Rios-Martinez if she was willing to serve as an alternate, Rios-Martinez agreed, and if some reason the two primary signatures were not available then Judge Cano would be the second alternate.

Commissioner Johnson moved the Staton and Rooney be the two primary signatures for

payroll checks and bills from the County Treasurers Office, with County Clerk Rios-Martinez and Judge Cano being the alternates. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion. Judge Cano asked for the vote. All in favor.

Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn and Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion. All in favor.

Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:

Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk