

**CALLED MEETING OF THE BREWSTER
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015 AT 9:00 A.M.**

Judge Cano called the meeting to order and the following were present:

<i>Eleazar Cano</i>	<i>County Judge</i>
<i>George Johnson</i>	<i>Commissioner Pct. 1</i>
<i>Hugh Garrett</i>	<i>Commissioner Pct. 2</i>
<i>Mike Pallanez</i>	<i>Commissioner Pct. 4</i>
<i>Steve Houston</i>	<i>County Attorney</i>
<i>Berta Rios-Martinez</i>	<i>County Clerk</i>
<i>Ruth Staton</i>	<i>County Treasurer</i>

1. Odyssey Specialty Vehicles

A. Executive Session Pursuant to § 551.071, Government Code, VTCA, to confer with legal counsel about:

(A) pending or contemplated litigation; or (B) a settlement offer; or (2) on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter. (Privileged Mattes)

Judge Cano asked the courtroom to be emptied to convene in executive session.

Executive Session began at 9:06 A.M.

Reconvene in Open Session at 10:43 A. M.

B. Discussion and appropriate action resulting from Executive Session

Judge Cano read into record the press release for March 3, 2015.

2. 2015 Budget Workshop / Discussion and appropriate action due to tax rollback

Judge Cano handed out copies to the Court the summary of the recommended adjustments needing to be made resulting from the outcome of the Roll Back Election. The estimated amount is \$176,000.00. Commissioner Johnson asked if this was the amount based on all tax payers paying, and Treasurer Staton explained and clarified. Judge Cano stated the first adjustment would come from the 5% raise for elected officials of \$24,000.00. The next adjustment would come from the car allowance of 19,200.00, Judge Cano stated. Judge Cano continued by stating the car allowance of \$1,200.00 from Constable Precinct 1 and would be eliminated. On page 16 line item 0414 the payment to Terlingua Common School District an adjustment of maybe \$74,000.00. This amount went from the mid \$30,000's to 107,511.00 for the 2015 year explained Judge Cano. He asked Ms. Jones if she could explain the adjustment made with such a difference. She explained the email she had received and an official document if the Court would like a copy to explain how the amount was determined. Commissioner Ortega asked if the school lost the amount of taxes due to the Park. Ms. Jones said yes and further explained the manner in which to recover some of the money that has changed. Ms. Jones also stated that the Appraisal District was gathering information to submit the documentation. Ms. Jones continued to describe how things have been changed on the school side that would cause the revenue difference and said there were about 96 students in TCSD.

Commissioner Johnson asked about the County Commissioner Court Assistant position of \$38,000.00 and asked if that was going to be adjusted since the position is no longer filled. Judge Cano stated that the position would be filled.

Commissioner Ortega provided his take on the item at hand and stated he feels that Brewster County needs to help out TCSD as much as possible. Commissioner Garrett asked if there was a reason to provide the public for the decision that was made. Commissioner Ortega informed Commissioner Garrett that his recollection of the meeting was to be close to the other school Districts in the area. Commissioner Garrett said he was just looking for a reason behind the decision. Commissioner Ortega stated there were other debt obligations for what was budgeted. Commissioner Garrett continued to explain what he found during his research. Judge Cano asked if there was any reason for the increase and stated he is willing to help out in any way the can be done. He explained how the adjustment would put money back into the 2015 budget. Commissioner Ortega asked how it would affect the budget for the TCSD and Ms. Jones said that they are working on it based on what the Court decided. Judge Cano recommended to see what the Court could do to help TCSD out in the year 2016 and balance the budget of Brewster County for 2015. Commissioner Johnson asked if the entire amount had to be adjusted or just the \$30,000.00 difference since they have budgeted the year, and Judge Cano and Ms. Jones work out the amount. Judge Cano moved to the last amendment to the budget being Road and Bridge in the amount of \$90,000.00 for the Rock Crusher. Discussion continued on how to adjust the budget for Brewster County and still accommodate TCSD. The Court agreed to increase TCSD's allotted amount by approximately \$20,000.00 from the previous allocation of \$33,450.00 to the sum of and even \$54,000.00

Commissioner Garrett moved to make the amendments to the 2015 Brewster County Budget of \$188,461.00 with the adjustments coming from the elected officials 5% raise of \$24,000.00, Commissioner Car Allowance of \$19,200.00, Constable Precinct 1 car allowance of 1,200.00, and Road & Bridge equipment of \$90,000.00 and Terlingua Common School District of 54,000.00. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:

Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk