

**CALLED MEETING OF THE BREWSTER
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
THURSDAY, JULY 23RD, 2015 AT 9:00 A.M.**

Judge Cano called this meeting to order at 9:04 A.M and the following were present:

<i>Eleazar Cano</i>	<i>County Judge</i>
<i>Luc Novovitch</i>	<i>Commissioner Pct. 1</i>
<i>Hugh Garrett</i>	<i>Commissioner Pct.2</i>
<i>Ruben Ortega</i>	<i>Commissioner Pct. 3</i>
<i>Mike "Coach" Pallanez</i>	<i>Commissioner Pct. 4</i>
<i>Ronny Dodson</i>	<i>County Sheriff</i>
<i>Lora Nussbaum</i>	<i>Chief Jailer</i>

1. 2015 Budget Workshop/Brewster County Jail Employees/Part time status to full time status.

A. Discussion and appropriate action

Sheriff Ronny Dodson presented a proposed budget to the Court. Sheriff Dodson explained that in a previous meeting Commissioner Garrett asked for a breakdown of the part-time help that needed to be placed at a full-time status. Sheriff Dodson went on to discuss the budget and indicated that at this rate the Sheriff Office will exceed their budget at least \$40,000. The current budget year to date is \$192,750 and the budget for the year is \$338,320, stated Sheriff Dodson.

Jail capacity is 56 and no money is made on County inmates, and the County inmates have to be housed before the Federal inmates, which makes the County money. Sheriff Dodson continued to explain where there could be budget cuts but expressed there was a need for the jailers and they needed to place the part-time jailers to full-time since they have been working overtime to have the jail covered. Dodson stated there were 14 total jailers and he would like to make the 7 part-time jailers full-time. This is the only thing to do based on the fact they work so much overtime and should be compensated the benefits for the hours they work, stated Sheriff Dodson. Mrs. Lora Nussbaum explained the need to have 14 jailers in order to have all shifts covered.

The Court discussed what would be the best to do to meet the needs of the Sheriff Office and to be in compliance. After a lengthy discussion the following motion was made.

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve 7 part-time jailers to full-time to have 14 total full-time. Commissioner Novoitch seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn at 10:30 A.M... Commissioner Garrett seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Eleazar Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:

Berta Rios-Martinez