

**CALLED MEETING OF THE BREWSTER
COUNTY COMMISSIONER COURT
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2016, AT 9:00 A.M.**

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

<i>Eleazar R. 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>Babett Mann</i>	<i>County Treasurer</i>
<i>Berta Rios-Martinez</i>	<i>County Clerk</i>
<i>Betty Jo Rooney</i>	<i>County Tax Collector/Assessor</i>

1. 2017 Budget workshop/Discussion concerning all aspects of County revenues/expenditures and upcoming financial needs for all county departments and other entities funded by the County/scheduling issues related to adoption of Budget and setting Tax Rate

Judge Cano explained that there are a few things that need to be cleaned up in the budget and the Court will be going through the budget by line item.

The Court was provided a budget analysis to use in order to work through the budget process.

Line items that were not needed were removed and line items were added where needed.

The tax collection contracts were increased by 5%.

Court recessed at 10:42 A.M.

Court reconvened at 10:58 A.M.

The expenses were reviewed.

Judge Cano discussed the 5% raise for all Employees and the change in travel and allowances.

Judge Cano informed the Court that Gerardo Gonzales, Veterans Service Office, will be resigning effective on August 4, 2016.

Appropriate action will take place in order to fill the position. Discussion of the Veterans job details took place.

Contracting agencies were reviewed with changes made to some of the agencies but not all of the agencies. The big changes were to the Libraries. Commissioner Ortega stated he had a problem with the 100% increase to Alpine Library as well as no increase to Marathon Library and a decrease to Big Bend Library. Commissioner Ortega expressed his concern of the increases as well as the need for the Libraries but for Alpine to be increased 100 % when there are positions being taken away it doesn't make sense.

Commissioner's discussed this matter at length.

A letter will be sent out to all those entities that receive funding with an explanation of what is expected of them in return.

Judge Cano explained line item 486, IT Services, regarding the changes that have been made over the past year.

Court recessed at 2:00 P.M.

Court reconvened at 2:39 P.M.

Commissioner Ortega asked about the PO system and discussion of time clocks took place in order to get time sheets to the auditor and treasurer in a timely manner.

Courthouse security and getting cameras in place was discussed.

Providing new equipment for Road & Bridge took place.

******Please see attached budget with changes.***

All other items on the agenda will be determined at a later date.

2. Matters related to 2016 Tax Rate & 2017 Budget

A. 2017 Salaries for Elected Officials

1. Review Proposed Salaries

2. Propose salaries and appropriate notices/discussion and appropriate action

3. Brewster County Tax Assessor Collector

A. Propose Effective Tax Rate for 2016/discussion and appropriate action

Tax Collector, Betty Jo Rooney, informed the Court that the taxable value is what the County uses to begin the process. Ms. Rooney stated that the taxable value is \$753,840,336 and the effective tax rate of 0.3754 and will generate \$2,829,916.62.

Commissioner Garrett moved to accept the proposed Effective Tax Rate of 2016. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Proposed 2016 Tax Dates for Hearing/Discussion and appropriate action

Nothing discussed

4. Proposed Date of Vote to set Rate/ Discussion and appropriate action

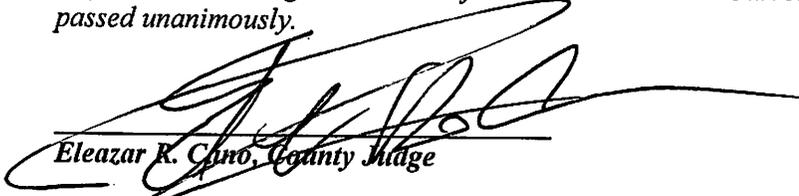
Nothing discussed

5. Schedule next Commissioner Court Called Meeting on August 9, 2016 (Adopt Salaries for 2016)

Next meeting will be August 9, 2016.

6. Adjourn

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Garrett seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.



Eleazar R. Curo, County Judge

ATTEST:



Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk