

**CALLED MEETING OF THE BREWSTER
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2015 AT 1:00 P.M.**

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.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>Berta Rios-Martinez</i>	<i>County Clerk</i>
<i>Ruth Staton</i>	<i>County Treasurer</i>

1. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Judge Cano led the Court in an Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. 2016 Budget Workshop / Discussion concerning all aspects of County revenues/expenditures & current finances 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 & other matter related to 2016 budget / public comment

Judge Cano opened the floor to public comments and the following spoke: Monica McBride, and Rod Ponton.

Monica McBride spoke on behalf of having an Election Administrator as it relates to Budget process. She stated that it is an important position and the money is there. And added that the current election clerk, the salary is already funded.

Rod Ponton presented the budget for the 83rd District Attorney Office and stated he serves the County and have had a higher budget the last few years. Rod Ponton provided a budget and budget history in the past year and asked for funding from Brewster County.

Commissioner Novovitch had a few questions for Rod Ponton regarding the increase in charges in the case cost. Further questions took place pertaining to the other Counties represented by District Attorney Rod Ponton. Judge Cano asked the number employees including attorneys and Ponton stated there are 4 attorneys including himself and 2 are paid by the Counties.

Judge Cano stated that the Court will discuss this matter when they get to the District Attorney section of the budget but to consider the monies that have been expended this year.

Judge Cano reviewed the budget page by page and at each department discussed changed to be made and adjusted if necessary.

Judge Cano explained the highlighted areas of the budget and stated that the balances should reflect at least half of the line item amount and they are not.

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Court recessed at 2:45 P.M.

Court reconvened at 2:56 P.M.

Budget workshop continued page by page beginning with page 5.

Discussions continued with what changes should be made.

Next meeting will be August 10, 2015 beginning with the Regular Scheduled meeting followed by a budget workshop.

3. Adjourn

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn at 4:47 P.M... Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Eleazar Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:

Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk