

**CALLED MEETING OF THE BREWSTER
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2015 AT 2:00 P.M.
MARATHON COMMUNITY CENTER**

Judge Cano called the meeting to order and the following Elected Officials 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>Gilbert Valenzuela</i>	<i>JP Pct. 1</i>

1. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Public Comment

Carlos Lujan voiced his concerns regarding the Re-Election dance put on by Ruben Ortega. His concern was using a County facility for campaign purposes. He reminded the Court that it was an issue when Kathy Killingsworth was doing the same a few years back. He then questioned Non-Departmental and Contracting Agencies and did not feel the Court should take action on these items, which were listed in item C under the Treasurer's Report. Lujan wanted to know what the County Extension Office did.

Judge Cano explained briefly and set up a meeting for Mr. Lujan to meet with him at 8:00 A.M. the next morning, Mr. Lujan agreed to the meeting.

Mr. Lujan asked if there was a contract for the Volunteer Fire Department and who is responsible, should there be an accident.

Commissioner Pallanez spoke on behalf of the issue of the dance and stated that Kathy Killingsworth was not a Judge at the time. Commissioner Ortega stated that the building is a location made available to the County and anyone can rent it. Commissioner Pallanez agreed.

3. Treasurer's Office

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano informed the Court that he spoke with Auditor Watson and that she did not have anything further to add, but to expect the end of the year numbers in February as December's bills will be paid in January and final numbers may be finalized in February.

B. Financial Reports / Updates, Discussion, Review and appropriate action concerning the following:

Specified Activity Report

Payroll Reports

**Cash Flow Predictions
Budget Analysis Usage Report
Receipt File Listings
Cash Report
Grant Reports**

**Check Register
Transfers
Personnel/Overtime Reports
Other Financial Reports as Requested by
Commissioners**

C. Matters related to 2015 End of Year Closeout

1. Line item transfers & Budget amendments for all County Departments:

County Judge	County Attorney
County Clerk	County Treasurer
County Veteran's Office	Tax Assessor-Collector
Non-Departmental	Courthouse
Contracting Agencies	County Jail
Community Facilities	Constable Pct. 1, 2, & 3
Emergency Management	Sheriff
County Court	Extension Officer
District Clerk	Exten. Serv. (Home Agent)
District Court	Road & Bridge Department
Justice of the Peace 1, 2, & 3	Records Management

Judge Cano stated that the County Auditor is still reviewing the numbers and will hope to have totals that are more accurate by mid-January.

2. Other matters related to close out of 2015 year / Discussion and appropriate Action

Nothing further to report.

D. Other general administrative & procedural matters related to Treasurer's Office / Discussion and appropriate action for work of Treasurer's Office to go forward

Nothing further to report.

4. Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TX CDBG) Grant

A. Update on Marathon Well (TXCDBG Contract No. 713049)

Travis Roberts provided a brief update and handed the Court the Engineering Report. He reported that Skinner Well Service has completed the project and did a great job at a great cost. Roberts informed the Court of the function of the Well along with the capability. Commissioner Novovitch asked about the grant and if there was any money owed. Roberts responded by stating the County match was "in-kind" and that Road & Bridge fulfilled the match.

Commissioner Ortega expressed his thanks to Mr. Roberts for his hard work and dedication during this project as well as his dedication to anything he does.

B. Commissioners Court to do an on-site visit to Water Well & Adjourn Meeting at Water Well Site (Dead End North 8th Street, Marathon, Texas)

Judge Cano stated that upon completion of today's agenda, the Court will recess and drive to the site and will adjourn at the Well location.

5. 83rd District Attorney's Office / Discuss amending Resolution to designate Eleazar R. Cano, Brewster County Judge as the "Authorized Official" for the certified submission for grant application number V0071-16-0325, Texas Attorney General's Office, Crime Victim Services Division for VCLG Grant Number 1662378 for a Crime Victim Coordinator, previously approved on June 8, 2015

District Attorney Rod Ponton reported and reviewed the changes that needed to take place, as they relate to the last meeting. There was a question on the application number and that the correct number to approve is V0071-16-0325.

Commissioner Ortega moved to amend the Resolution to designate Eleazar R. Cano as the "Authorized Official" for the certified submission for grant application number V0071-16-0325, Texas Attorney General's Office, Crime Victim Services Division for VCLG Grant Number 1662378 for a Crime Victim Coordinator, previously approved on June 8, 2015. After confirmation this is a pass through grant, Commissioner Novovitch seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

District Attorney thanked the Court for all the work and support they offer his office.

6. Marathon Volunteer Fire Department/Update by Chief Brad Wilson/Discussion and Appropriate Action.

Fire Chief Brad Wilson started by thanking the Court for all the support and help to get the Marathon Volunteer Fire Department back on its feet. Wilson stated that there were a few hurdles in the beginning but have managed to get over those hurdles.. The Fire Department started off with 3 fire fighters and are up to 18, with a 5-member auxiliary, informed Chief Wilson.

Wilson reported that there have been 4 fund raisers that were very successful and the money will be used for more equipment. All equipment for fire fighters is current and will help protect them while answering calls, stated Chief Wilson. There have been 21 calls in the last 8 months and they have lowered the response time from 35 minutes to 10 minutes. Nine (9) fire fighters are certified in CPR and 7 will go into EMT Training which will "help out tremendously," stated Chief Wilson.

Judge Cano expressed his thanks to Chief Wilson for the effort he has been putting forth and asked if there was anything else that the County can do to help. Chief Wilson stated that there

are grants in place to help with what they need but should anything come up he will contact the Judge's Office.

Commissioner Ortega stated that the County provided the building and covers the utilities and expressed his thanks for the commitment that is shown by the Marathon Volunteer Fire Department.

Judge stated that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday January 12, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. in Alpine.

Judge Cano recessed the Court at 2:38 P.M. to drive to the Water Well Location
Judge Cano reconvened at 2:49 P.M.

Judge Cano stated that the Court is at the Water Well Location at the end of 8th Street in Marathon, TX.

Travis Roberts showed the Court the location of the Well, pointing out the original Well and some of the history of how it came about.

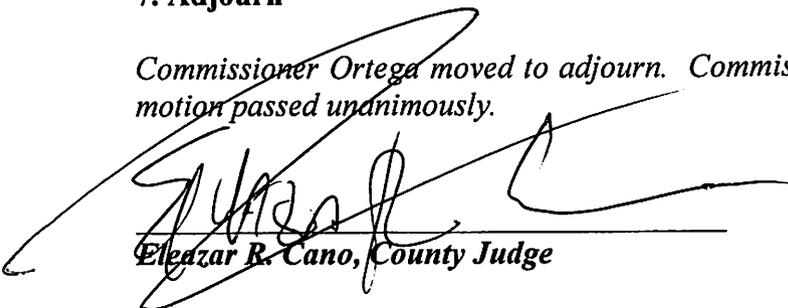
Roberts introduced Jim Roberts and Clint Roberts of the Marathon Water Supply Company and thanked them for their help.

Commissioner Ortega informed the Court regarding the source of funds to do projects such as this. Funds were originally split between Terlingua and Marathon but with limited funds to either place, there was an agreement to alternate years for the full funds in order to complete projects.

Judge Cano stated that without team work, projects would not happen and expressed appreciation and gratitude for the labor and the hours committed to the project.

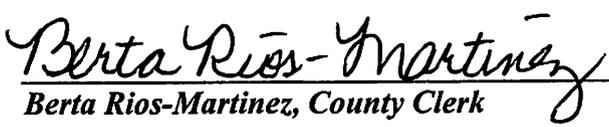
7. Adjourn

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



Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk