

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009
10:00 A.M.**

Judge Beard called this meeting to order. Officers present are listed as follows:

VAL CLARK BEARD	COUNTY JUDGE
ASA STONE	COMMISSIONER PCT. 1
KATHY KILLINGSWORTH	COMMISSIONER PCT. 2
RUBEN ORTEGA	COMMISSIONER PCT. 3
MATILDE PALLANEZ	COMMISSIONER PCT. 4
BETTY JO ROONEY	TAX COLLECTOR
CAROL OFENSTEIN	TREASURER
STEVE HOUSTON	COUNTY ATTORNEY

1. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

No minutes were presented for approval.

2. Treasurer

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Treasurer Ofenstein presented the general bills for approval. Ray Hendryx provided an explanation for an electricity bill from KALP radio. He said that when the County was trying to find a place for the NOAA tower, Mr. Hendryx proposed the KALP transmitter site because nobody would have to build any extra facilities. Mr. Hendryx asked only that KALP be tied into the generator for electricity failures. After the NOAA station was installed, KALP's electricity bill increased by about \$300/month. Hendryx spoke with EMC Tom Santry to find out if the County could provide any relief in return for his housing the station, about \$200/month.

Mr. Hendryx said he thought the weather center was only keyed in an emergency situation. He was mistaken, it is on 24/7.

Commissioner Ortega made a motion to accept the bills as presented, which was seconded by Commissioner Killingsworth, and passed unanimously. Judge Beard abstained from the KALP bill.

Mrs. Ofenstein presented two walk-in bills. The first was from ES&S for a software upgrade for \$4,345. This bill may be eligible for reimbursement from HAVA.

Commissioner Stone made a motion to authorize Mrs. Ofenstein to pay the bill now with the possibility of reimbursement from HAVA, which was seconded by Commissioner Pallanez, and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Ofenstein also presented a travel reimbursement for Sylvia Vega.

Commissioner Ortega made a motion to approve the bill, which was seconded by Commissioner Killingsworth, and passed unanimously.

B. Tax Assessor Collector & Treasurer / Update on ad valorem tax collections / Discussion

Tax Assessor Betty Jo Rooney gave the update for current year 2008, which was more positive than her last update. At this point, the taxing entities are now ahead of where they were in collections at this time last year, except for Terlingua CSD, which just over one percent behind.

Commissioner Killingsworth asked about billing for unknown property owners. Ms. Rooney said that a tax bill is printed by law. Commissioner Killingsworth said she believes it is incumbent upon the County Tax Office to seek out those owners.

C. Other matters related to Treasurer's Office / Discussion and appropriate action

3. Officials' Monthly Reports / Approval

Commissioner Stone read the reports for the record.

Commissioner Ortega made a motion to approve the reports, which was seconded by Commissioner Killingsworth, and passed unanimously.

4. Recognize Cowboy Poetry (February 27th - March 1st) & Event's Organizers

Judge Beard noted that the event brings a huge number of visitors to town, and is also a celebration of our cultural heritage which is particularly important.

Commissioner Ortega made a motion to recognize the event and thank its organizers, which was seconded by Commissioner Killingsworth, and passed unanimously.

5. Presentation by U.S. Census Bureau / Preparations for 2010 / Discussion and appropriate action to support 2010 "Complete Count"

Judge Beard said this item has been cancelled, and will be rescheduled. The presenter had some medical matters to attend to.

6. Road & Bridge Department / Community Facilities

A. Road & Bridge Superintendent's Report

General updates on maintenance and repairs for all county roads; road materials including fuel, supplies, including usage & inventories & future needs; equipment including heavy equipment (maintenance, repairs, future needs, replacement and additions), pickups, trailers and other light vehicles and accessories, and small equipment (usage, future needs), equipment rentals; facilities (yards in Alpine, Marathon and S. County) and community facilities (assistance with maintenance and other related issues); assistance to other governmental entities and emergency responders; personnel issues (vacancies, new hires, performance and safety)

Supt. Frenchie Causey gave the report. He said crews have been working hard on the pads for the building projects. The equipment for work on the Marathon project was moved to Marathon, which ought to be finished this week. They have been cleaning up at the Terlingua site, and they'll start dirt work there next week.

B. Commissioner, Pct. 1 – Situation with old residential waterline located in County Road / Request to grant alternate easement for waterline & relocate waterline (Hill Drive to and across Wagon Road)

Commissioner Stone said he thinks the Road & Bridge Department should go ahead and bring a rock saw in and cut down through the rock and bury the line all the way across Wagon Road.

Judge Beard suggested going ahead with a survey as well.

Commissioner Killingsworth made a motion to go forward with the plan, which was seconded by Commissioner Ortega, and passed unanimously.

C. Discussion and appropriate action for general work of Department to go forward

7. Brewster County Tourism Council

A. General Update concerning recent meetings, conferences, travel fairs & recent Tourism Board meetings/activities / Discussion and appropriate action

Tom Williams reported that hotel/motel tax receipts will probably be up 3-4 percent for 2008. He said, beginning Jan. 1, the Tourism Council for the County began enforcing the law as far as penalties and interest for late payments of hotel/motel taxes. He said the Council is trying to determine whether some small properties in the County

are contributing their share of the tax.

Tourism Council Director Mike Davidson said that last year, the website experienced a traffic increase of about 15 percent. February 2009 numbers are at least even with the same period last year.

He said he operated four press trips in 2008, one from Germany, one from Great Britain and two from the U.S., organized by the Governor's office. He said the biggest tour operator in Germany is collaborating with the state at present, and is going to feature Texas as its premier North American destination for 2009. Some writers have already come to write for the catalog.

Judge Beard thanked the Tourism Council for all its work. When it was formed, the target was promotion, and she believes that is the correct approach and this has done a world of good.

B. Interpretive Sign Project & Entrance Signs for County

1. Report on participation in Brewster County Day in Austin

Ron Sanders said he and Travis Roberts, along with Jerry Sotello, were introduced on the House and Senate floors, and had breakfast with Sen. Uresti. He said it was a really fun day.

2. Report on meetings with State Officials concerning Interpretive Sign Project / Discussion and appropriate action to go forward with sign project

The trio met with a TxDOT representative to discuss the sign project, which Mr. Sanders said went very well. The project will be approved, and the department is currently working on a Memorandum of Understanding to be presented to the Commissioners.

Mr. Roberts said TxDOT was presented with five different pictures of the proposed signs.

Mr. Sanders said the TxDOT representative said there is even a possibility of \$25,000 or \$30,000 from the federal stimulus package which could be used for the project.

C. Appointment of Board Member to fill current vacancy / Discussion and appropriate action

Mr. Sanders said the board would like to recommend Revis Daggett to fill the vacancy.

Commissioner Ortega made a motion to approve the recommendation, which was seconded by Commissioner Stone, and passed unanimously.

8. Emergency Management Department

A. General Report including:

Recent emergency responses; emergency planning update; recent work with cooperating emergency responders (ESD #1, all VFD's and EMS); update on needs, programs, training, recent work with other governmental entities; equipment for emergency response and updates regarding needs, maintenance, repairs, replacement and additions; and personnel issues related to emergency response / Discussion

EMC Tom Santry said that on Feb. 14, a HAZMAT class was held with 14 students. Another class is scheduled for March 4-5; nine students have signed up so far. A Technician class, which is the highest level of HAZMAT training, will be held March 18-19. Two students have signed up.

Union Pacific has finally paid the County \$4,700 in reimbursement costs for the train derailment last March.

B. Announce Severe Weather Awareness Week, February 22nd - 28th

Mr. Santry said this week is Severe Weather Awareness Week, which stresses the necessity of preparedness and awareness.

C. Prescribed Burns, Burn Bans & Emergency Management

1. Update on recent difficulties in communication between Prescribed Burn Managers, Landowners, Emergency Management & Emergency Responders and update on fire hazard weather conditions during recent prescribed burns

Judge Beard said she believes this item wouldn't be necessary if everyone would be a good neighbor. She asked Mr. Santry to explain the situation.

He explained that prescribed burns are also called controlled burns. He said a written plan is required and officials are supposed to be notified – First Responders, the County Judge, the Sheriff's Office, etc. Prescribed burns normally surround a pretty large area, so there are several people who need to be informed. A grass fire frequently can be seen in two or more counties. In January, the Nature Conservancy in Brewster

County did a prescribed burn. Mr. Santry was provided with a 24-page report of what they were going to do, but they did not follow their own plan.

Judge Beard said the plans are very detailed, with potential responders listed. However, the responders were never contacted.

In February, the Nature Conservancy had another burn and nobody was contacted. Judge Beard noted that everybody out here is very sensitive to grass fire, and Citizens began calling 911 and responders, who were then trying to locate the fire. It wasted a lot of people's time. If it had been known that it was a prescribed burn, this would not have happened.

Ray Hendryx of KVLFF said he spoke with the Nature Conservancy to ask if they could let the radio station know what is going on. They told him they could give a general location, such as "Eastern Brewster County," but would not identify the ranch out of privacy concerns.

Judge Beard and Mr. Santry met with a representative of the Nature Conservancy to stress better communication, and he was very attentive. Two days later, the Nature Conservancy had a burn without notifying anyone in Brewster County, even though the burn was clearly visible from Alpine.

2. Review & Discussion concerning current confusing nature of State laws & regulations related to burn bans and prescribed burning

Mr. Santry said the problem is that there's no set of existing rules or laws; rather, they are several codes from different agencies which do not coincide. He said there needs to be better communication and a set standard to inform people about what they need to do prior to a prescribed burn.

3. Discussion concerning regional impact of prescribed burning and need for better communication and cooperation before and during prescribed burns

Mr. Santry said that a meeting will be held at the Sul Ross RAS building tomorrow about forming a prescribed burn association in Brewster County.

A prescribed burn can be done, even during a county burn ban, under current law. The Sunset Commission has issued a report that prescribed burns are inadequately controlled, and it has asked the Legislature to consider that in this year's session and to change the rules to formalize the procedures.

4. Request that Landowners & Prescribed Burn Managers conducting prescribed burns actively work with & compensate VFD's and other volunteer emergency responders who are called upon or listed as

responders in prescribed burn plans / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Beard asked Mr. Santry if he knows if any landowners are making donations or support the fire departments. He said they are not.

Commissioner Killingsworth asked Mr. Santry if he is aware of any legislation now that is going to correct or provide for new rules. He said he is only aware that the Sunset Commission has recommended legislation.

A permit is not required for a prescribed burn; however, responders are supposed to be informed. Sometimes, the Nature Conservancy may notify officials that "sometime during the month of February" they're going to do a burn. That is unhelpful; responders need specific information.

5. Express concern to Elected Representatives about current prescribed burning procedures including requesting:

Judge Beard said she would like to go ahead and express general concern to both our State Senator and Representative. She thinks it is possible there may be additional legislation filed about the situation, specifically items a-d listed below.

Commissioner Killingsworth noted that it is a problem for all of West Texas, not just Brewster County. She suggested a resolution in support of Legislation that would require communication with the local government and emergency responders.

She said she will be serving on the Resolution Committee with the West Texas Judges and Commissioners Association, and with the Court's permission, she could move that forward with them. Resolutions passed there go onto the state.

Commissioner Stone made a motion to authorize Commissioner Killingsworth and Mr. Santry to work together on a resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Ortega, and passed unanimously.

- a. Better communication and better coordination with and financial support for local Emergency Responders by prescribed burn managers and landowners conducting prescribed burns***
- b. Heightened prudence during periods of burn bans, fire hazard conditions, and Governor's Emergency Declarations***
- c. Support for local VFD's and Emergency Responders by prescribed burn managers and landowners***
- d. Request that current laws and regulations be harmonized with local burn ban regulations and be made clearer and more***

understandable

D. Discussion and appropriate action for general work of Emergency Management Department to go forward

9. Brewster County Historical Commission

A. General Update on recent work

Chairman Travis Roberts said the Commission has been busy. A quarterly meeting was held last week. Next weekend, a field trip is planned to the cemetery at San Vicente. Commissioners are invited to come along. He will be preparing an annual report for the Texas Historical Commission due before Feb. 28.

The Commission is working on a John R. Holland historical marker at the Holland Hotel.

Mr. Roberts said he addressed the Pecos County Historical Society during a celebration of the 150th anniversary of the City of Fort Stockton. A regional meeting is scheduled in Pecos County.

Last weekend, he met with several archaeologists from all over the country at the South County Community Center.

B. Appointments and Reappointment of Members of Commission / Discussion and appropriate action

Mr. Roberts read for the record a list of appointments and re-appointments. There are 23 members for 2009-10.

Commissioner Stone made a motion to approve the list, which was seconded by Commissioner Killingsworth, and passed unanimously.

The appointments are as follows: Melleta Bell, Paul Olsen, Kathleen Olsen, Judith Parsons, Paul A. Wright, Ike Roberts, Robert Mallouf, Cynta de Narvaez, Pete Salas, Jr., Jim Bones, Travis Roberts, Bill Ivey, Alberto Garcia, Raymond Skiles, Betty Alex, Andy Cloud, Jodye Stone, Ralph LaForge, Kay LaForge, Valynda W. Henington, Imelda Gallego Garcia, Mickey Clouse, Barney Nelson, Matt Walters (representative from the Museum of the Big Bend) and Nancy Hendaryx (representative from the Alpine Historical and Chamber of Commerce program).

C. Designation of Chair of County Historical Commission

Judge Beard made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Roberts as the chair, which was seconded by Commissioner Killingsworth, and passed unanimously.

D. 125th Birthday Celebration for Brewster County / Requested Designation of Brewster County Historical Commission to organize celebration / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Stone made a motion designating the County Historical Commission as the organizer of the celebration in 2012, which was seconded by Commissioner Killingsworth, and passed unanimously.

10. Pending Community / Public Safety Infrastructure Projects, including:

Major Projects:

South County Emergency Response Center (Housing for Terlingua Medics, Terlingua VFD, Deputy, J.P. & related support space

Alpine/N. Brewster County Area Emergency Response Center (Fire Station for Alpine VFD & Brewster County Emergency Operations Center)

Marathon Law Enforcement Facility (Housing for Deputy, J.P. Pct. 3 & training room)

Brewster County Jail Renovation (focus on update of electronics)

Construction Assistance for Alpine Public Library, a non-profit corporation

Smaller projects:

Vehicle & Equipment Storage Building (shed design) for South Brewster County on 23221 FM 170, near Terlingua & Study Butte

Repairs & Modifications to Old County Library Building, 203 N. 7th Street, Alpine

Outdoor Meeting Space for Marathon Town Square, adjacent to Community Center

A. General matters related to all projects

1. Bidding for materials & subcontracts / Discussion and appropriate action

3. S. County Emergency Response Center / Discussion and appropriate action

a. Update on Site visit by Construction Manager

Commissioner Killingsworth said she met Danny Butler at the site last Monday, along with Mr. Causey and Nolan Fowler, Construction Supervisor of Dinosaur Valley Construction. They looked at the site, and got the building positioned where it actually should go. The site has also been cleaned.

b. Installation of Septic System, water tap & temporary facilities for workers / Discussion and appropriate action regarding installation of OSS system & providing on site temporary accommodations for workers

Mr. Butler asked Commissioner Killingsworth to contact a registered sanitarian, get the plans drawn up for the septic system and go ahead and get it installed, along with temporary power and water so that it is available during construction.

Commissioner Ortega made a motion to authorize Commissioner Killingsworth to move forward with plans for the septic and water. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ortega made a motion to authorize Commissioner Killingsworth to apply with Rio Grande Electric to provide temporary power. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Killingsworth said there will be some issues that need to be worked out with a an oil receptor on the property that cannot be place above a septic system.

c. County Roads in & adjacent to new site

1. Review current situation & relocation of Roads in & around site

2. Relocating roads and/or taking additions roads into County system to provide improved access for ERC & neighboring property (Allen Lane on west side & unnamed road on east side of property) / Discussion and appropriate action to express intent to proceed to take these roads into County Road system (no final action)

Commissioner Killingsworth proposed that Allen Lane on the west side of the property, and the unnamed road on the east side, be brought into the County system

Judge Beard said that as bidding begins, it will be an intense time for Commissioners Court, and special meetings will probably be necessary. She asked Commissioners to let her office know about any dates in March that they absolutely cannot meet.

2. Temporary Employees / Matters related to retaining temporary employees

Judge Beard said an employment application has been drafted, and Construction Manager Danny Butler said he is ready to begin advertising. He has proposed that the County go out and see who is available in the market and what they can bring to the projects. Various levels of skills and experience are being sought.

B. Matters related to specific projects

1. Fire Station for Alpine VFD & EOC

a. EOC Electronics / Request for EMC to apply for Homeland Security funding for equipping EOC

Judge Beard requested that Tom Santry begin grant applications for electronics and equipment for the EOC.

b. Relocation of Utilities / Update

Judge Beard said she is going to talk with Mr. Butler about the relocation. There is already an agreement with the gas company to move the line.

2. Marathon Justice Center (Deputy & J.P. Offices)

a. Groundbreaking held on February 17, 2009

Judge Beard said the groundbreaking was held Feb. 17. She said there was a good crowd.

b. Report on Pad Construction / Progress

Commissioner Ortega said they did the lift yesterday, and were working hard this morning.

because they will need to be paved and provide access in and around the ERC.

She made a motion to express the County's intent to bring all of Allen Lane into the system, as well as the unnamed road to the east. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

d. Electrical Lines / Report on discussion with RGEC concerning relocating lines / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Killingsworth has been working with RGEC to have a power line on the west side of the property removed so that it is safe for a helicopter to land at the site.

e. Matters related to site engineering and surveys / Delegation of Commissioner, Pct. 2 to move forward with any additional survey or site engineering work / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Killingsworth said the site needs to be re-surveyed so that property lines can be correctly marked.

Commissioner Ortega made a motion to authorize Commissioner Killingsworth to move forward with any addition survey or engineering work. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Jail Renovations / Update

Judge Beard said Mr. Butler has been through the jail and is analyzing the control room space and electronics.

5. Construction Assistance for Alpine Public Library / Update

Judge Beard said pouring the pad at the library is likely to happen within the next few weeks.

11. Brewster County Groundwater Conservation District / Request to name Ex Officio Director to Board of Water District / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Beard said there is a vacancy on the board. Leo Dominguez is resigning due to additional duties for his job at Sul Ross. David Bynum has been the ex officio member for a number of years. She recommended that Mr. Bynum be appointed to fill Dominguez' seat.

Commissioner Ortega made a motion to appoint Mr. Bynum, which was seconded by Commissioner Killingsworth, and passed unanimously.

12. Proposed Legislation creating Pecos River Authority (Bill not filed at time of posting; no H.B. # to reference)

A. Discussion concerning powers and ramifications of River Authorities

Judge Beard said this Legislation was a total surprise to a lot of people in West Texas. She does not have a bill number because she does not have a full draft and the bill has not been filed yet.

V.A. Stevens, the Water District's legislative consultant, called Judge Beard about two weeks ago asking if she had any information about the Red Bluff District because they called her asking for help because they'd been advised that they were going to be placed into the Pecos River Authority, which would take in all of the Pecos River Watershed and abolish the Red Bluff District.

B. Broad Nature of Proposed River Authority, tendency of River Authorities to include all counties in watershed and potential for later inclusion even if County is excluded from present legislation

Judge Beard said she was immediately concerned because the northern part of Brewster County is in the Pecos watershed, and because river authorities in Texas are generally massive governmental entities with very broad powers.

Many river authorities actually have the authority to compete with private business. As a governmental entity, they can borrow money at a lower rate.

Judge Beard said they are substantial, huge governmental entities. When she found out about the proposal, she began calling her fellow County Judges, who were also very surprised by the proposal.

At this point, she is trying to get more information. She did receive some information from Patrick Tarleton, who works for Pete Gallego.

For now, Brewster County has been left out of the boundaries of the authority but she doesn't think that's of any comfort, because river authorities usually want their whole watershed in their boundaries.

She has spoken with Judge Grubb, Judge Shuster and Judge Smith. No one had been informed.

The outline of the proposed legislation is very broad, very sweeping.

Judge Beard asked Travis Roberts, P.E. to speak about the Pecos Watershed and the water quality and history. Roberts is also Historical Commission Chair and an expert in Far West Texas history.

Mr. Roberts said the water is filled with salt and has never been drinkable. He said that this water had been very saline for millions of years, due to the fact that it runs through salt/alkali flats. He also spoke about the broad authority of river authorities in Texas, and outlined how large the Pecos watershed is. He said Commissioners should be

very cautious considering this issue and a River Authority.

Commissioner Killingsworth said she is opposed to this because it is another governmental body that overlays all of the local entities. She said she feels like it is a real erosion of our property rights. Landowners need their right to determine what they need on their place. If they need to build a stock tank, they don't need a river authority dictating if they can do that, she said.

C. Discussion concerning minority position of this County in any River authority and difficulties already faced by this County when it is in a minority position on large State Mandated Boards or Authorities

Judge Beard said Brewster County is already in a minority position on so many big, regional boards and is constantly having to "watch its back." A river authority would be one more thing to guard against. Brewster County doesn't have the resources to constantly send representatives to meetings to represent the County. Travel time and money are limited

Commissioner Killingsworth wondered how they will manage every tributary, lake, stream, etc.

D. Discussion concerning potential loss of control of Brewster County surface waters to a River Authority, should this County become included in a River Authority

E. Discussion & appropriate action to express concern about creation of proposed Pecos River Authority to State Elected Representatives

Commissioner Killingsworth made a motion to compose a resolution in opposition of the creation of the Pecos River Authority to be taken to the West Texas Judges and Commissioners Association. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Judge Beard said she would like to go ahead and contact our two state representatives and tell them that Commissioners Court is very concerned, and that they should expect a detailed resolution.

Commissioner Stone made a motion to authorize Judge Beard to go ahead and contact state officials, which was seconded by Commissioner Killingsworth, and passed unanimously.

13. Resolution in support of H.B. 811 by Gallego (Midland Exception) / Removes Brewster County Groundwater Conservation District from Midland Exception in §31.121, Water Code, VTCA

Judge Beard said the bill puts everyone in the County on a level playing field in regard to water district regulations, including the City of Alpine.

Commissioner Ortega made a motion to pass a resolution in support of H.B. 811, which was seconded by Commissioner Killingsworth, and passed unanimously.

14. County Court / Indigent Defense Grant / Update / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Beard said that a few meetings back, she told Commissioners about a meeting with the Commissioner from Val Verde and the Texas Indigent Defense Grant folks. She had expected by this time to have a proposal from Val Verde County about how to set up a shared office. That has not come yet. The IDG people called last week and asked Judge Beard to please send something. The application has been submitted online, and as more information is available, she will share it with the Commissioners.

15. County Attorney / Review of County regulations concerning Junkyards & other C County authority regarding nuisance, health & safety hazards, old tires, unsightly conditions and related issues / Discussion only

Steve Houston provided a legal review of County regulations concerning junkyards and other authority regarding nuisance, health and safety hazards, etc.

He said that in 2002, Commissioners considered problems they were having with junkyards in the area, and wanted to consider an order regulating junkyards and salvage yards. The Transportation Code allowed the County to pass an order regulating those facilities. In March of that year, the Commissioners enacted those regulations. The order in place deals with people who are in the business of storing junk, automotive parts, tires, rims and things of that nature.

A question has come up recently about what is available to the County if it wants to deal with junky property which is not owned by people who are in the junk business.

Mr. Houston said there are provisions in the local government code, Chapter 343, that allow the County to control what are called "nuisances." The statute states that a public nuisance is keeping, storing or accumulating refuse on the premises in neighborhoods unless the refuse is entirely contained or closed. That includes refrigerators, tires, cans, abandoned vehicles, stoves, furniture, etc. with 300 ft. of a public street. Other nuisances would include things that create unsanitary conditions such as mosquitoes, vermin, etc.

Under this particular statute, a complaint can be brought and can be prosecuted as a criminal violation as a Class C Misdemeanor. It is punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$200. If they have a previous conviction, the fine goes up to a maximum of \$1,000 and jail time. The complaint has to be made to the Justice of the Peace. Individuals can also bring a civil cause of action.

*This statute applies to properties outside the city limits.
Mr. Houston said nobody has ever filed a complaint with his office.*

16. Public Comment

Cindy Perry of the Alpine Avalanche asked who is proposing the Pecos River Authority. Judge Beard said that Rep. Gallego is making the proposal.

Commissioner Ortega made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Commissioner Stone, and passed unanimously.

VAL CLARK BEARD, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

BERTA RIOS MARTINEZ, COUNTY CLERK