

**CALLED MEETING OF THE
BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2009, AT 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
MATILDE PALLANEZ	COMMISSIONER PCT. 4
CAROL OFENSTEIN	TREASURER
BETTY JO ROONEY	TAX ASSESSOR
JERRY SOTELLO	J.P., PCT. 1
BERTA RIOS MARTINEZ	COUNTY CLERK

**SECOND PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
TAX RATE AND RELATED MATTERS**

1. Public Hearing regarding the Proposed 2009 Tax Rate

<i>Maintenance & Operation</i>	<i>.2998</i>
<i>Interest & Sinking</i>	<i>.0315</i>
<i>Total Rate Proposed</i>	<i>.3313</i>

a. Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comment was made.

**b. Discussion among Members of Commissioners Court
and Commissioners Court and Public**

**2. Announce date and time to set Tax Rate and give notice of other matters
related to notice and scheduling**

Judge Beard said the rate is scheduled for a vote on Sept. 14 at 10 a.m.

Any member of the Public may attend and comment at this Hearing.

GENERAL AGENDA

To discuss and take action as appropriate on the following:

3. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

The minutes from the Sept. 3 regular and called meetings were presented for approval.

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

4. Treasurer

A. General Bills

Treasurer Ofenstein said the auditor's bill for \$34,900 is included in the general bills.

Also, road materials were purchased for a total of \$32,000 and fuel was purchased at a total of \$7,600. There is also a large bill out of Linebacker for a light bar for a car.

Commissioner Stone made a motion to accept the general bills as presented, which was seconded by Commissioner Pallanez, and passed unanimously.

B. Infrastructure Projects Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Action for this item was included in the vote in Item A.

C. Other administrative matters related to Treasurer's Office / Discussion and appropriate action for work of Treasurer's office to go forward

Because the first regular meeting has been postponed, Commissioners authorized the Treasurer to pay any bills due in the interim.

5. Officials' Monthly Reports / approval

Commissioner Stone read the Officials' Monthly Reports for the record.

Commissioner Killingsworth made a motion to approve the reports, which was seconded by Commissioner Pallanez.

6. Road & Bridge Department / Community Facilities

A. Road & Bridge Superintendent's Report

Commissioner Stone gave a brief report and said crews are working on paving.

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)

B. TxDot Border Colonia Access Paving Grant / General Update / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Killingsworth said there is no news to report.

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

7. Pending Community/ Public Safety Infrastructure Projects / Discussion and appropriate action to go forward with all 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

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, covered outdoor area for Marathon Town Square Repairs & Modifications to Old County Library Building, 203 N. 7th Street, Alpine, Outdoor Meeting Space for Marathon Town Square, adjacent to Community Center

A. Project Updates

1. Marathon Justice Center / Discussion and appropriate action to go forward with project

- a. Update on status of project***
- b. Discussion and appropriate action to go forward with project***

2. Alpine VFD Fire Station

- a. Update on completion of slab, placement of generator and upcoming construction of building***

Judge Beard said the slab is set, and the steel is starting to go up.

- b. Discussion and appropriate action to go forward with project***

3. South County Emergency Response Center

- a. Update on status of project***

Commissioner Killingsworth said things are looking good, and the generator has been set up and is ready to go.

- b. Placement of generator / Update***
- c. Discussion and appropriate action to go forward with project***

4. Brewster County Jail Renovations

- a. General Update on renovations***
- b. Discussion and appropriate action to go forward with and complete jail renovations***

5. Alpine Public Library / Construction for Alpine Public Library, a non profit organization

a. Update

Judge Beard said APL has received a favorable proposal from framing from a firm out of Lubbock. The company will also frame the interior of the Alpine Fire Station at a rate of \$3.65/foot.

Judge Beard asked Commissioner Stone for his opinion.

He said County crews may be able to do it for a lesser price, but they are very busy and it will take much longer.

b. APL's Board authorization to go forward with framing / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Stone made a motion to accept the proposal from ABC Commercial Framing of Lubbock, which was seconded by Commissioner Killingsworth, and passed unanimously.

c. Other matters related to completing Phase II of building

Judge Beard said the library is ready to begin the dry-in phase.

Commissioner Killingsworth 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