

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017, 9:00A.M.
BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
ALPINE, TEXAS**

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., the following Elected Officials were present:

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| Eleazar R. Cano | County Judge |
| Betse Esparza | Commissioner Pct. 1 |
| Hugh Garrett | Commissioner Pct. 2 |
| Ruben Ortega | Commissioner Pct. 3 |
| Mike "Coach" Pallanez | Commissioner Pct. 4 |
| Berta-Rios Martinez | County Clerk |

1. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation and Pledge was led by Judge Cano.

2. Public Comment- Comments are limited to 3 minutes per person. Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Court is limited in its ability to respond to comments

No public comments

3. Recognitions & Announcements

A. Recognize Mark Davis, formerly of Permian Basin MHMR & Brewster County's very first mental health deputy / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano recognized Mark Davis's retirement with Permian Basin MHMR and Brewster County's very first mental health deputy. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Recognition letter of retirement for Mark Davis from Permian Basin MHMR and as Brewster County's very first mental health deputy. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

B. Courthouse Security / Update on conference attended by Courthouse Security Officer Omar Holguin

Courthouse Security Officer Omar Holguin gave an update on the conference he attended.

4. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

Commissioner Esparza moved to approve the minutes of March 28, 2017. Commissioner Garrett seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

5. Pending Litigation/Cause No. 1:17cv-44, Ben Elmore, Plaintiff, vs. Brewster County, Texas, Defendant, In The United States District Court for the Western District of Texas Alpine Division/Confer with County Attorney

A. Executive Session - § 551.071, Government Code, VTCA, Pending Litigation and Consultation on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the government body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this Chapter (Privileged Matters)

Court recessed at 9:29 A.M.

Court reconvened at 9:34 A.M.

Reconvene in Open Session

B. Discussion and appropriate action resulting from Executive Session

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve to settle the lawsuit on Ben Elmore for \$7,500.00. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

6. Treasurer's Office

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Assistant Treasurer Donna Nunley presented the reports for General bills and walk-ins from July 12- April 18, 2017. Commissioner Garrett said to pull the TDS invoice until the final break is received. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the bills and walk-ins as presented. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

B. Financial Reports / Updates, discussion, review and appropriate action concerning the following:

**Specified Activity Report
Cash Flow Predictions
Budget Analysis Usage Report
Receipt File Listings
Cash Report
Grants Reports**

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

No Action

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

Forward

No Action

6. Officials' Monthly Reports

No Action

7. Road & Bridge Department / Community Facilities

- A. Road & Bridge Superintendent's Report, General updates on maintenance and repairs for all county roads & state of County Roads System; road materials including, fuel, supplies including usage & inventories & future needs; budgetary matters; 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) cattle guards, fences and other means of containing livestock; safety issues and equipment; and community facilities (assistance with maintenance and other related issues); assistance to other governmental entities and emergency responders; personnel issues, (vacancies, new hires, discipline, performance, safety and other general personnel matters); permits for boring or trenching for utilities across County Roads / Discussion and appropriate action**

Commissioner Ortega stated not much was going on since it was a short week, but still working on whatever has to be done.

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

Commissioner Garrett stated he had spoken to Superintendent Causey and the Big Bend Telephone Co. will move equipment on Spring Creek Road. Road & Bridge Dept. will shift the road due to property easement issues.

8. County Emergency Management Office

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; emergency management issues related to burn bans; emergency management issues related to communications & public information; emergency management issues related to County insurance coverage; personnel issues related to emergency response, exercises & drills; matters

related to pending & future Homeland Security & FEMA Grants and other funding, matters related to 911 EMS in County and matters related to 911 & 911 addressing / Discussion and appropriate action

David Lambrix gave a report on the emergency responses. He also mentioned the mold in Clerk's Office and is still waiting on the final lab results.

B. Discussion and appropriate action for general administrative work of the Emergency Management Department to go forward

No Action

9. Sheriff's Office / Abandoned Vehicle Auction / Sheriff's request to auction / 2011 Chevrolet Pickup White VIN 3GCPKSE38BG185212 / 2011 Chevrolet Pickup White VIN 3GCPKSE39BG247264 / 2011 White Chevrolet Pickup VIN 3GCPKSE30BG246388 / Discussion and appropriate action

Ryan Skelton requested to auction the three 2011 Chevrolet Pickups White. Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the auction of the three 2011 Chevrolet Pickups. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

10. Brewster County Jail

A. Matters related to pending infrastructure issues

Judge Cano suggested to have a workshop with the Commissioners before the next Commissioner's Court Meeting. Judge Cano tabled the contract with Specialized Public Finance, Inc. of Dallas Texas for Financial Advisor Services. Commissioner Esparza moved to table the contract with Specialized Public Finance, Inc. of Dallas Texas for Financial Advisor Services. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

B. Discuss and consider contract with Specialized Public Finance, Inc. of Dallas, Texas for Financial Advisor Services / Discussion and appropriate action

No Action

11. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on May 9th, 2017

Judge Cano informed the Court of the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on May 9th, 2017.

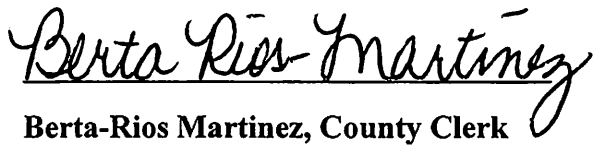
12. Adjourn

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.



Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



Berta-Rios Martinez, County Clerk