

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2017, 15 9:00 A.M.
BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
ALPINE, TEXAS**

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m., the following Elected Officials were present:

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
Babett Mann	County Treasurer
Betty Jo Rooney	Tax Assessor Collector
Berta Rios-Martinez	County Clerk

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2018
BREWSTER COUNTY BUDGET**

1. Review of 2018 Proposed Budget

Judge Cano reviewed the Brewster County 2018 Proposed Budget.

2. Public Comment regarding 2018 Proposed Budget

No public comment

3. Discussion among member of Commissioners Court and Public

No action

NOTE: This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$331,164, (11%), and of that amount, \$74,230, is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Court recessed at 9:54 a.m.

Court reconvened at 10:11 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation and Pledge were led by Judge Cano.

2. Matters concerning adoption of 2018 Budget and 2017 Tax Rate

A. 2018 Salaries for Elected Officials

1. Review of Salaries as proposed by Commissioners Court on July 31, 2017 and Published Notices on August 3, 2017

Judge Cano reviewed the Salaries as proposed.

2. Consider of adoption of proposed salaries / Discussion and appropriate Action

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the proposed salaries.
Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion approved 4-1 with
Commissioner Garrett opposed

B. 2018 Proposed Brewster County Budget

1 . Discussion

No action

2. Adoption, Amendment or other appropriate action concerning 2018 Budget

Judge Cano stated there will be some amendments made to the Proposed Budget as the week progresses and will present the final Proposed Budget on the next Commissioners Court meeting.

3. Other Administrative Matters related to Adoption of Budget and Setting Tax Rate including notices and other matters

Judge Cano stated the 2nd Public Hearing on the Proposed 2018 Budget will be at a Called Meeting on September 7, 2017

3. Review Schedule for 1st & 2nd Hearing on Tax Rate and Adoption of Tax Rate

Judge Cano announced a Called Meeting on September 7, 2017 for the 1st public Hearing on the proposed 2017 Tax Rate. The 2nd Public Hearing on the 2017 Tax Rate will be on September 12, 2017.

4. 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 comment

5. Recognitions & Announcements

Judge Cano announced he will be going to Austin for the TAC Legislative Update Conference.

6. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the Minutes for July 25, 2017 and August 8, 2017 as corrected. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

7. Treasurer's Office

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Treasurer Mann presented the General Bills and walk-ins. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the general bills as presented as well as walk-ins. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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

Specified Activity Report	Payroll Reports
Cash Flow Predictions	Check Register
Budget Analysis Usage Report	Transfers
Receipt File Listings	Personnel/Overtime Reports
Cash Report	Other Financial Reports as Requested
Grants Reports	by Commissioners

Treasurer Mann presented the Financial Reports.

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

8. Brewster County Auditor / Monthly Reports

Treva Watson, Brewster County Auditor, presented the Payroll Reports for July 2017.

9. Officials' Monthly Reports

Berta Rios-Martinez, Brewster County Clerk, presented the Officials' Monthly Reports. Commissioner Esparza read the Officials' Monthly Reports. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as read. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed

unanimously.

10. 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 gave a brief report on the Road & Bridge Department. He stated they're doing normal general maintenance.

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

No action

11. 83rd District Attorney

- A. Request for Approval of payment for South Plains Forensic Pathology for John Walker Trial / Discussion and appropriate action**

Sandy Wilson, 83rd District Attorney, requested approval of payment to South Plains Forensic Pathology for John Walker Trial in the amount of \$3060.20. Commissioner Esparza moved to approve the payment to South Plains Forensic Pathology for John Walker Trial. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously

- B. Request for financial assistance for Victim's Coordinator Position / Discussion and appropriate action**

Sandy Wilson, 83rd District Attorney, requested financial assistance for Victim's Coordinator Position through December. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve that vouchers be submitted to the Treasurer or the Auditor's office to be paid from the District Attorney's Pre-trial Diversion Fund according to requirements of available funds. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Court recessed at 11:58 a.m.
Court reconvened at 12:06 p.m.

12. 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

Judge Cano stated the burn ban is still not in effect.

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

Judge Cano announced David Lambrix will be rehired and will start next Monday in the EMC position.

13. Discussion on granting land in Marathon on 9th Street from Ave H through Ave I to the Marathon Water and Sewer Coop / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Ortega gave an update on granting land in Marathon on 9th Street from Ave. H through Ave. I to the Marathon Water and Sewer Coop. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve granting land in Marathon on 9th Street between Ave. H and Ave. I. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

14. 2017 Brewster County Commissioners Court Meeting Schedule / Discuss and consider approval of changing remainder of Commissioners Court dates to be in compliance with Attorney General Opinion No. KP-0160 / Discussion and appropriate action

Treva Watson, County Auditor, requested approval of changing remainder of Commissioners Court dates to be in compliance with Attorney General Opinion No. KP-0160. Judge Cano and the Commissioners discussed the 2017 County Commissioners

Court Meeting schedule to be moved on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month starting in October. Commissioner Esparza moved to change the regular scheduled meetings to the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

15. Commissioner Precinct 4 / Discuss paving the parking lot on the North side of the Alpine Public Library / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Pallanez stated he attended several meetings of the Alpine Public Library Board. He requested assistance to pave the proposed parking lot on the North side of the Alpine Public Library. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve to assist with labor with reimbursement for the material. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

16. Presentation by Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. on Jail Assessment / Discussion and appropriate action

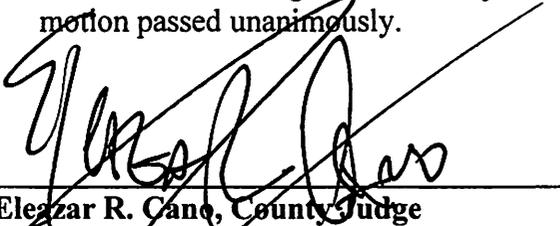
Phil Furqueron from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. gave a presentation on the Jail Assessment.

17. Schedule next Commissioner Court Called Meeting September 7, 2017, at 9:00 A.M., (if needed for a 2nd Public Hearing on 2018 Budget) & 1st Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate

Judge Cano informed the Court on the next Called Meeting on September 7, 2017 and on the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on September 12, 2017.

18. 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