

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017, 9:00A.M.**

Judge Cano called the meeting to order and the following Elected Officials were present:

Eleazar R. Cano	County Judge
Bestse Esparza	Commissioner Pct. 1
Huge Garrett	Commissioner Pct. 2
Ruben Ortega	Commissioner Pct. 3
Mike “Coach” Pallanez	Commissioner Pct. 4
Babett Mann	County Treasurer
Berta Rios-Martinez	County Clerk

1. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Public Comment

No public comments.

3. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

No minutes for approval at this time.

4. Treasurer’s Office

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Treasurer Mann provided the General bills and walk-ins for approval. Commissioner Ortega abstained from Propane bills and Commissioner Esparza abstained from travel reimbursements.

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the general bills and walk-in as presented. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion and the 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

No reports presented.

C. 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 at this time.

5. Officials' Monthly Reports

Commissioner Esparza read into record.

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve Official Monthly Reports. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Brewster County Auditor / Changes to Policy and employee handbook to reflect 40 hours paid period for full-time County employees / Discussion and appropriate action

Auditor Treva Watson presented the changes she recommends to the employee handbook to reflect 40 hour pay period. This is to provide clarity to all employees.

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the changes to the Policy and employee handbook to reflect 40 – hour pay period.. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the 30-hour work week for eligibility for benefits. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Superintendent Frenchie Causey informed the Court that Road and Bridge was preparing for the Dump Days and moved equipment.

Commissioner Garrett suggested to get with Patsy McWilliams of the City of Alpine on disposing of the tires.
Superintendent Causey also stated that there is clean-up going on throughout the County.

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

Nothing further at this time.

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

Emergency Management Coordinator David Lambrix reported that the ladder truck is in Odessa for repairs and informed that all the batteries are no longer usable. Lambrix is waiting for estimate for the batteries in order to analyze the repairs to fix it.
ICS training will be May 24, 2017 from 5:30 PM – 10:00 PM, informed Lambrix.
Lambrix stated that all information can be found on the FEMA website along with training.

Court recessed at 10:00 AM
Court reconvened at 10:08 AM

B. Rescind Homeland Security Multi-Jurisdictional Interoperability Communications Grant # 2949902 / Permission to spend \$80,000 to be reimbursable by Grant Funds that was approved on February 7, 2017

Lambrix explained to the Court.

Commissioner Ortega moved to rescind Homeland Security Multi-Jurisdictional Interoperability Communication Grant # 2949902 approval for the \$80,000 to be used for radios. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

C. Motorola Handheld Wireless and Mobil Vehicle Radios for Brewster County

1. Open & Read Bids for Motorola Handheld Wireless and Mobile Vehicle Radios

Lambrix requested to open bids for Motorola Handheld and Mobile Radios.

2. Discussion and appropriate action to award bids or other appropriate action

Commissioner Garrett moved to rescind the request for bids on radios in reference to Grant #2949902. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

D. Recommendation to discontinue Code Red System and move to the Hyper Reach Emergency Notification System / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Esparza moved to discontinue the Code Red System and accept Hyper Reach Emergency Notification System with concurrence from the City of Alpine. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

E. County Employee ID Cards / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve County Employee ID Cards after presentation of design for approval. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Nothing further at this time.

9. Commissioner Precinct 1 / Resolution opposing Senate Bill 2 and Revenue Caps / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 2. Commissioner Garrett seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

10. Brewster County Judge's Office, Administrative Assistant / Update on conference attended on February 23rd & 24th, Healthy County Boot Camp in Bastrop, TX.

Julie Morton, Assistant the County Judge, attended Healthy County Boot Camp and provided a review of what was presented and provided handouts. Please see handouts for details.

11. Brewster County Judge / Report on Big Bend Community Action Meeting held on February 23, 2017, in Marfa, TX

Judge Cano provided an update on the Big Bend Community Action Meeting.

12. Order Repealing Tax Exemption for Telecommunication Services Sold Within Brewster County, Texas / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano moved to table the Order Repealing Tax Exemption for Telecommunication services sold within Brewster County.

13. Interlocal Agreement between Brewster County and Alpine Independent School District to provide a Student Resource Officer / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Ortega moved to table the Interlocal Agreement between Alpine Independent School District to provide Student Resource Officer. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

14. Texas A&M Forest Service / Urban Forest Assessment and Analysis of Brewster County Courthouse and the Val Clark Beard Office Complex Trees

Mickey Merritt of Texas A&M Forest Service presented an assessment and analysis of the trees around Brewster County Courthouse and the Val Clark Beard Office complex.

15. Schedule next Commissioners Court Regular Meeting on March 14, 2017

Judge Cano informed the Court that the next meeting will be held on March 14, 2017.

Court recessed at 11:53 AM

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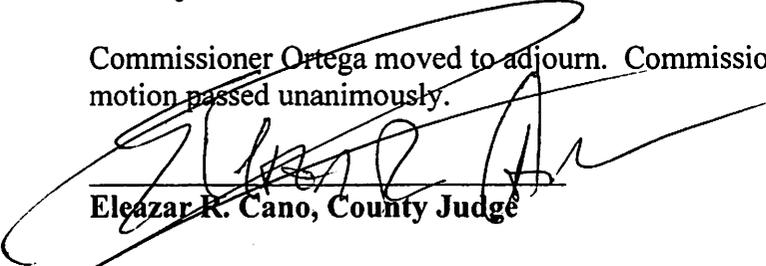
Judge Cano Called the Court back into session at 1:30 PM.

16. Road & Bridge Workshop Session / Discussion concerning work & mission of Road & Bridge Department

The Court met with Superintendent Frenchie Causey of Road and Bridge to review the work to be done in the next 5-7 years.

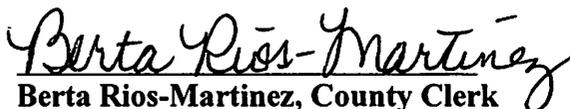
17. Adjourn

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