

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017, 9:00A.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

1. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation and Pledge were 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 the Brewster County Road & Bridge Crew, they did an awesome job on the 4th of July decorations to the courthouse lawn, gazebo and the courthouse

Judge Cano recognized and thanked the Road & Bridge Crew for their awesome job on the 4th of July decorations to the courthouse lawn, gazebo and the courthouse.

B. Recognize Pecos County, Commissioner Precinct 4, Santiago Cantu & driver, Joe Jimenez for their generous donation of their time and resources hauling water for South County

Judge Cano recognized and thanked Santiago Cantu & driver, Joe Jimenez and Judge Shuster for their generous donation of their time and resources hauling water for South County. Commissioner Ortega moved to send a letter of appreciation to Pecos County. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

4. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Minutes for June 27, 2017 as presented. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

5. 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 in the binder and walk-ins as presented with the exception of the TDS Bills. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Esparza abstained from Printco.

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 gave an update on the Financial Reports.

C. Accept donation from Energy Transfer Partners, LLC / Discussion and appropriate action

Treasurer Mann discussed the donation from Energy Transfer Partners, LLC. Commissioner Ortega moved to accept the donation of \$500,000.00 from ETP and upon receiving to deposit the money into a designated TexPool account.

D. 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. Brewster County Auditor / Monthly Reports

Treva Watson, Brewster County Auditor, presented the Monthly Reports.

7. Officials' Monthly Reports / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Esparza read the Officials' Monthly Reports. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Officials' Reports as presented. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

8. 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

Frenchie Causey, Superintendent of the Road & Bridge Department, gave an update on the R & B Department.

B. Consider quotes from Welch State Bank and Wells Fargo for the refinancing of the motor grader / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano gave a brief report on considering the quotes from Welch State Bank and Wells Fargo for the refinancing of the motor grader. Treva Watson recommended Wells Fargo for the refinancing of the motor grader. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve Wells Fargo for the refinancing of the motor grader. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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

No Action

9. 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 gave an update on the County Emergency Management Office. He also mentioned they are still hiring the EMC position.

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

Judge Cano stated there will be a written assessment that is forthcoming from Texas Firemen's and Fire Marshalls' Association for the next Commissioners' Court.

10. Brewster County IT Policy / Review of new policy as required in the corrective action plan from the 2016 Audit / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano gave a brief review on the Brewster County IT Policy. Julie Morton presented the Brewster County IT Policy.

Court recessed at 10:25 a.m.

Court reconvened at 10:39 a.m.

11. Brewster County Employee Health Insurance Plan Renewal, consider to renew current plan or consider other alternatives / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano gave a brief review on the Brewster County Employee Health Insurance Plan Renewal. Commissioner Esparza moved to approve the Health 400-G Rx 2AG alternative plan. Commissioner Garrett seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

12. Texas AgriLife Extension Office

A. Discussion concerning vacant positions and writing a letter of support to the State requesting that the positions be re-opened / Discussion and appropriate Action

Judge Cano discussed the Texas AgriLife Extension Office. Commissioner Esparza moved to approve permission to sign a letter of support for the AgriLife Extension Office position committing \$12,000 for combined salaries for Jeff Davis County and Brewster County. Commissioner Garrett seconded

the motion; motion passed unanimously.

B. Consider salaries for the Texas AgriLife Extension Office vacant positions / Discussion and appropriate action

No Action

13. Brewster County Tourism Council

A. Report from Executive Director Robert Alvarez

Robert Alvarez gave a report on the Brewster County Tourism Council.

B. Presentation of the 2018 Budget / Discussion and appropriate action

Ron Sanders gave a presentation of the 2018 budget.

C. Announce the Tourism Council has approved to ear mark \$100,000.00 for continued renovations to the Brewster County upstairs Courtroom

No Action

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14. 2018 Budget Workshop / Discussion concerning all aspects of County revenues/expenditures and upcoming financial needs for all county departments and other entities funded by the County / Scheduling issues related to adoption of Budget and setting Tax Rate

A. Presentation by Non-Profits on 2018 budget requests

The following Non-Profits gave a brief budget request for the 2017-2018 budget. Webbie Carvajal, Family Crisis Center; Conrad Arriola and Raven Ramirez, Frontier CASA; Teresa Wallace, Sunshine House; Donald Wetterauer, Alpine Public Library; Betty Jo Rooney, Marathon Cemetery; Bobbie Jones, Big Bend Library; Sharron Clark, Brewster County Emergency Services District #1.

Court recessed at 12:25 p.m.

Court reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

April McAnally, Big Bend Little League Association; Estella Vega, Big Bend Softball Association; Ramona Thomas, MHMR; Shanon Sullivan, Childrens Advocacy Center; Bethany Brookover, Child Welfare Board; Homer Mills, Alpine Cemetery Association.

Court recessed at 1:46 p.m.

Court reconvened at 1:51 p.m.

B. Presentation by Elected Officials on 2018 budget requests

Judge Cano recommended to increase Mr. Dennis Yancy's hours from 15 hours to 20 hours a week.

C. Review Proposed Elected Officials Salaries for 2018 / Discussion and appropriate action

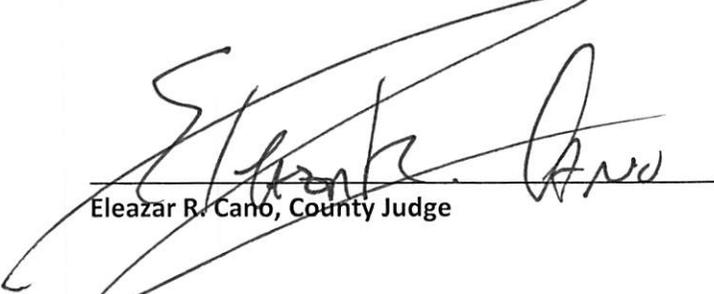
Judge Cano reviewed the proposed Elected Officials salaries for 2018.

15. Schedule next Commissioners Court Regular Meeting on July 25, 2017, at 9:00 A.M.

Judge Cano informed the court on a Called Meeting for Wednesday, July 19, 2017.

16. Adjourn

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



Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk