

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2017, 9:00 A.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:

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

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 comment

3. Recognitions & Announcements

A. Resolution in Support of Amtrak Service in Brewster County / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Garrett gave a brief discussion in support of Amtrak Service in Brewster County. Gwynne Jamieson, spoke on behalf of the Railroad Passengers of Far West Texas and asked the commissioners for their support of Amtrak Service in Brewster County. Commissioner Garrett read the Resolution into the record in support of Amtrak Service in Brewster County. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Resolution as read. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

4. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

Commissioner Ortega moved to accept the Minutes for July 11, and July 19, 2017 with noted changes on the minutes. 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 pay the 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

6. Brewster County Auditor / Monthly Reports

Treva Watson, Brewster County Auditor, presented a transfer from the Brewster County Tourism Fund of an additional \$100,000.00 for the District Courtroom renovation.

7. Officials' Monthly Reports / Discussion and appropriate action

No Action

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 the report. He mentioned he received a permit request from Big Bend Telephone to cross Ridge Line Dr. off of Spring Creek in South Double Diamond and add a trench. The permit needs approval by the court. They plan to start on Monday, July 31, 2017. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the request from Big Bend Telephone. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

B. 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

Ronny Dodson, Brewster County Sheriff, gave an update on County Emergency Management Office. He stated that Brewster County needs more firemen. He also stated they will have training on August 16 – 19, 2017.

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

No Action

10. Terlingua CSD / County Judge to Accept Noemi Aviles for current vacancy position on the Terlingua CSD Board of Trustees / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano stated he was in contact with Bobbie Jones, Terlingua CSD Superintendent, and Scott Watkins, President of the Terlingua CSD Board of Trustees. They had a resignation and need a replacement for the position. Terlingua CSD Board of Trustees are recommending Noemi Aviles to fill the unexpired term. Commissioner Ortega moved to accept the recommendation. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Court recessed at 10:06 a.m.

Court reconvened at 10:21 a.m.

11. 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 Brewster County IT Policy. He moved to table and will review it next Commissioners Court.

12. County Wellness Program / Wellness Incentive Plan Recommendations for Brewster County 2018 / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano and the Commissioners discussed the County Wellness Incentive Plan Recommendations for Brewster County 2018.

13. Brewster County Elections

A. Discuss and consider filing an exemption on Voting System Accessibility Requirements for the November 7th Constitutional Amendments Election as required under Section 61.013 of the Election Code / Discussion and appropriate action

Irma Ramirez, Election Administrator, will file an exemption on Voting System Accessibility Requirements for the November 7th Constitutional Amendments Election as required under Section 61.013 of the Election Code.

B. Discuss and consider recommendation by the Brewster County Elections Commission to reduce the number of polling places for the November 7th Constitutional Amendments Election/ Discussion and appropriate action

Marybell Lockhart, Democratic Chair, requested to consider the recommendation by the Brewster County Elections Commission to combine the number of polling places for the November 7th Constitutional Amendments Election. No action.

C. Discuss and consider new purchase agreement with ES&S for equipment and services as recommended by the Brewster County Elections Commission / Discussion and appropriate action

Marybell Lockhart, Democratic Chair, gave a presentation to consider a new purchase

agreement with ES&S for equipment and services as recommended by the Brewster County Elections Commission. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the recommendation from the committee and work group. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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

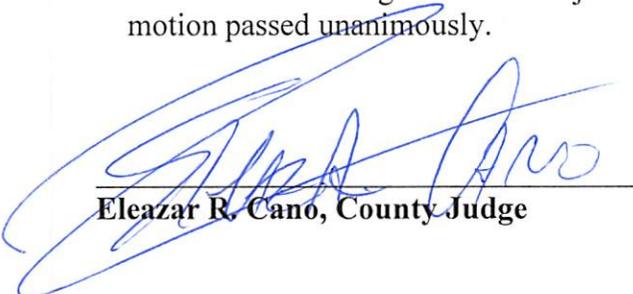
Judge Cano and Commissioners reviewed the Proposed Elected Officials Salaries for 2018.

15. Schedule next Commissioners Court Called Meeting on July 31, 2017, at 9:00 A.M.

Judge Cano informed the court on a Called Meeting for July 31, 2017.

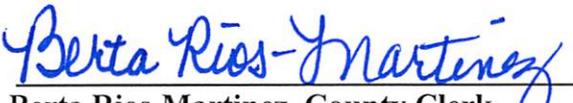
16. Adjourn

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



Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk