

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 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

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. Resolution / Recognize Johnny Milan upon his retirement from Brewster County for his 36 years of faithful service / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano read the resolution recognizing Johnny Milan upon his retirement from Brewster County for his 36 years of faithful service. Judge Val Beard said a few words about Johnny Milan. She also mentioned he was the heart and soul of the courthouse facility. She wished him well in his well-deserved retirement. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution / Recognize Brewster County Twin Peaks 4-H Club for receiving the Keep Texas Beautiful Youth and Educator Award / Discussion and appropriate Action

Judge Cano read the resolution recognizing the Brewster County Twin Peaks 4-H Club for receiving the Keep Texas Beautiful Youth and Educator Award. Bobby Roberts, President of the Brewster County 4-H Club and two other members were recognized. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner

Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

C. Recognize Brewster County Historical Commission as the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for their accomplishments during the 2016 year of service / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano recognized The Brewster County Historical Commission as the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award during the 2016 year of service. Travis Roberts read the annual report on the BCHC accomplishments during the 2016 year of service. He also mentioned Brewster County is very unique and thanked the commissioners for keeping the history alive.

4. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the Minutes as corrected for June 13, 2017. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Office

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Treasurer Mann read the reports and mentioned she made a change in the general funds. Commissioner Ortega moved to accept as presented as well as walk-ins with the exception of the changes made by Treasurer Mann. Commissioner Garrett 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

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. Brewster County Auditor / Monthly Reports

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

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

R & B Superintendent Frenchie Causey gave a report on the Road & Bridge Department.

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

No Action

Court recessed at 10:03 a.m.

Court reconvened at 10:18 a.m.

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

Julie Morton gave a brief review on the Brewster County IT Policy. Judge Cano stated they will review the policy in the next Commissioners Court.

10. 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

Sheriff Ronny Dodson gave an update on the County Emergency Management Office.

B. Update on the water situation in South Brewster County / Discussion and appropriate action

No Action

C. Request renewal of County Burn Ban / Discussion and appropriate Action

Sheriff Ronny Dodson requested the renewal of the County Burn Ban. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the renewal of the County Burn Ban. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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

No Action

11. Texas Association of Counties / Presentation by Mindy Seahorn on Health Insurance Plan Renewal, consider to renew current plan or consider other alternatives / Discussion and appropriate action

Mindy Seahorn gave a presentation on the Health Insurance Plan Renewal which renews on Oct. 1, 2017. She also stated there are new rates and alternative options to consider by July 19, 2017. Judge Cano stated they will keep in contact with Mindy Seahorn on the decision for the Health Insurance Plan Renewal.

12. Retiree Health Insurance Committee / Report and recommendation by committee on the Retiree Health Insurance Coverage / Discussion and appropriate action

Sheriff Ronny Dodson gave a report on the Retiree Health Insurance Committee in which he recommended to leave as is for retired employees and current employees who started before 2017. Commissioner Ortega moved to accept the recommendation for the Retiree Health Insurance Coverage. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed 4 to 1, with Commissioner Garrett opposing.

13. 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 stated the position for Texas AgriLife Extension Office Agent in Alpine will hire sooner than he thought.

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

Judge Cano stated he wants to review the salaries for the Texas AgriLife Extension Office and wants some clarifications on the budget. Commissioner Garrett moved to table #13 the Texas AgriLife Extension Office agenda item. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Court recessed at 11:44 a.m.
Court reconvened at 1:19 p.m.

14. 2018 Budget Process /Discussion concerning process and schedule

A. Presentations by Elected Officials on 2018 budget requests

The following Elected Officials gave a brief budget request for the 2017-2018 budget. Treva Watson, Brewster County Auditor; Gilbert Valenzuela, Justice of the Peace Pct. 1; Susana Gonzales, Justice of the Peace Pct. 3; Frenchie Causey, Road & Bridge Superintendent; Sandy Wilson, District Attorney.

15. Schedule next Commissioners Court Regular Meeting on July 11, 2017

Judge Cano informed the Court on the next Commissioners Court Meeting on July 11, 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