

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017, 9:00A.M.
BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
ALPINE, TEXAS**

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 9:01a.m. and 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
Berta Rios-Martinez	County Clerk

1. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Judge Cano led the Invocation and the Pledge of the Allegiance.

2. Public Comment

No public comments

3. Recognitions & Announcements

A. Recognize Dina Jo Losoya for her 15 years of service with the Tri County Juvenile Probation Office

Jerry Castellano recognized Dina Jo Losoya for her outstanding dedication on her job for 15 years of service with the Tri County Juvenile Probation Office.

B. Omar Holguin, Deputy for the Brewster County Sheriff's Office and Courthouse Security Officer, will be attending an Advanced Law Enforcement Readiness Training (ALERT) on April 4th, 5th, & 6th, 2017 in Austin

Judge Cano approved for Omar Holguin to attend training in April 2017.

C. Announce Donation of a 2012 Golf Cart for the Brewster County Sheriff's Office by donor George Erskine

Sheriff Dodson announced that a retired mechanic from Midland, Texas has donated a 2012

Golf Cart to the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Ortega moved to accept the donation of the 2012 Golf cart by George Erskine. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

4. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

Minutes of January 24; February 7, 14, 28; and March 7, 2017. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the minutes for January 24, 2017, February 7, 14, 28 and March 7, 2017. Commissioner Garrett seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Office

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Treasurer Babet Mann reported the general and walk-in bills. Commissioner Esparza abstained from Printco bills. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the general bill. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

B. Financial Reports / Updates, Discussion, Review and appropriate action concerning the following:

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| 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 by Commissioners |
| Grants Reports | |

Treasurer Babet Mann reported the Financial Reports. Commissioner Esparza moved to approve the Financial Reports. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

C. Other general administrative & procedural matters related to Treasurer's Office / Discussion and appropriate action for work of Treasurer's Office to go Forward

Treasurer Mann reported she completed her education hours and also completed her hours for Public Fund Investment Act.

6. Officials' Monthly Reports

Commissioner Garrett read into the records Officials' Monthly Reports for February 2017. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Officials Monthly Report as read. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; 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.**

Commissioner Ortega reported that the Road and Bridge Department had been hauling trash and have been staying pretty busy.

- 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

David Lambrix read the monthly reports and asked if he could get assistance to repair the dry fire hydrant at Sunny Glenn. David Lambrix also informed the court they will have Hazmat training later in the year at Sul Ross State University. Judge Cano approved to repair the dry fire hydrant.

- B. Homeland Security Multi-Jurisdictional Interoperability Communications**

Grant # 2949902 / Permission to spend \$80,000 to be reimbursable by Grant Funds, purchase VIA Motorola TX DIR Contract #DIR-SDD-2203 / Discussion and appropriate action

David Lambrix gave a brief on the Homeland Security Multi-Jurisdictional Interoperability Communication.

Judge Cano recommended approval on the grant.

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

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

David Lambrix reported he and several others will be attending a training for Hazmat and will be paid for by FEMA.

9. Homeland Security Grant Program / Approval of application and resolution for 2016 Operation Stone Garden Grant #3156302 / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano read into record the resolution for the 2016 Operation Stone Garden Grant.

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve application and resolution. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Court recessed at 10:06 A.M.

Court reconvened at 10:19 A.M.

10. Approval of Resolution for the Vietnam Era Veterans Day (March 29, 2017) adopted by Governor Rick Perry on March 29th, 2010 / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano read Resolution into record. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Resolution for the Vietnam Era Veteran's Day. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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

County Auditor Watson reached to an auditor for advice on the agreement. She advised to go ahead and approve the Agreement. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

12. Employee Handbook / Timeline for completing an assessment of all sections / Committee appointment by Judge Cano

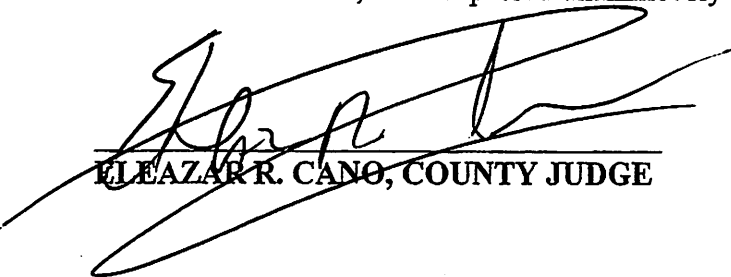
Judge Cano informed the court of the appointment of the Employee Handbook Committee, being Commissioner Esparza as chair, Commissioner Garrett and County Auditor Watson.

13. Schedule next Commissioners Court Regular Meeting on March 28, 2017, (Meeting will be held in the County Courtroom, Downstairs – Old Courthouse, 201 W. Ave E, Alpine, Texas)

Judge Cano informed the Court of the next Regular Meeting to be held on March 28, 2017. (Meeting will be held in the County Courtroom, Downstairs- Old Courthouse, 201 W. Ave. E, Alpine, Texas)


14. Adjourn

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



ELEAZAR R. CANO, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:



BERTA RIOS-MARTINEZ, COUNTY CLERK