

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2014, AT 9:00 A.M.  
BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM  
6<sup>TH</sup> & AVE E  
ALPINE, TEXAS**

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*Judge Killingsworth called this meeting to order. Officers present are listed as follows:*

<b>KATHY KILLINGSWORTH</b>	<b>COUNTY JUDGE</b>
<b>ASA "COOKIE" STONE</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER PCT. 1</b>
<b>RUBEN ORTEGA</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER PCT. 3</b>
<b>MIKE PALLANEZ</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER PCT. 4</b>
<b>JERRY SOTELLO</b>	<b>J.P., PRECINCT 1</b>
<b>DELLA SHACKELFORD</b>	<b>COUNTY TREASURER</b>

**To discuss and take action as appropriated on the following:**

**1. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval**

*Commissioner Ortega motioned to approve the minutes of August 11, 2014, Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and passed unanimously.*

**2. Consideration of the 2015 Proposed Brewster County Budget**

**A. Discussion**

*Mr. Hugh Garrett and Mr. Dale Christophersen speak of their concerns pertaining to the 2015 proposed budget.*

**B. Adoption, Amendment or other appropriate action concerning 2015 Budget**

Commissioner Ortega motioned to adopt the 2015 Budget, Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and a \$6.3 million budget was passed unanimously.

**3. Discussion and action to adopt the Proposed 2014 Tax Rate as set out below:**

<b>Maintenance &amp; Operation</b>	<b>.321751</b>
<b>Interest &amp; Sinking</b>	<b>.076825</b>
<b>Total Rate Proposed</b>	<b>.398576</b>

*Judge Killingsworth reviews the Proposed 2014 Tax Rate. Commissioner Ortega motioned to adopt the proposed 2014 Tax Rate of .341751 for Maintenance & Operation and the .076825 for the Interest & Sinking with the total proposed rate of .398576. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and passed unanimously.*

#### **4. Treasurer**

##### **A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action**

Treasurer Shackelford reviewed bills and stated that the Nectar Computer Invoice 87189 would be removed and that the burial of Matt Pitts, an indigent patient, would be paid by the county. Commissioner Ortega motioned to approve all bills and Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

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

<b>Specified Activity Report</b>	<b>Payroll Reports</b>
<b>Cash Flow Predictions</b>	<b>Check Register</b>
<b>Budget Analysis Usage Report</b>	<b>Transfers</b>
<b>Receipt File Listings</b>	<b>Personnel/Overtime Reports</b>
<b>Cash Report</b>	<b>Other Financial Reports as</b>
<b>Grant Reports</b>	<b>Requested by Commissioner</b>

Treasurer Shackelford reviewed all financial reports listed with Commissioners and state that TAC check was received and grant accounts are caught up and on track.

##### **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 Shackelford provided a breakdown of monthly reports.

#### **5. Officials' Monthly Reports / Discussion and appropriate action**

Commissioner Stone motioned to approve reports provided by Treasures office, Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion and passed unanimously

#### **6. County Clerk / Elections / Approval of Election Judges & Clerks for the 2014 General November Election**

Jerri Jones presented the list of Judges and Alternate Judges provided by the Democratic and Republican Party Chairs.

Commissioner Ortega motioned to approve the list of Judges and Alternate Judges for the November 4, 2014 General Election, Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and 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**

Supt. Frenchie Causey stated the crews have been working on the mowing along the highways and blading several roads.

### **B. Commissioner Pct. 1 Asa Stone / McElroy Ranch / Approval for roads to be taken into the County Road System**

Commissioner Stone motioned to approve McElroy Ranch Road to be taken into the County Road System, Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

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

No discussion or action at this time.

## **8. Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TX CDBG) grant / Update on Marathon Well Grant, TX CDBG 71304**

Judge Killingsworth reviews and explains the Block Grant Program

**9. Consider the adoption of a resolution designating a certain area as a reinvestment zone for Texas Tax Code Chapter 312 tax abatement in portions of Brewster County known as the “August” reinvestment zone**

Commissioner Ortega motioned to accept Texas Tax Code Chapter 312 in Brewster County known as the “August” reinvestment zone, Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

**10. Announce that Brewster County will be accepting applications for projects located in the August Reinvestment Zone pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Tax Code**

Commissioner Ortega motioned to accept the application deadline of September 22, 2014 for the August Reinvestment Zone, Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

**11. Public Funds Investment Act / Review County’s Investment Policy**

This item was tabled to the September 8, 2014 County Commissioner Court Date.

**12. Discussion and appropriate action regarding elected officials salaries for FY 2015**

Commissioner Stone motioned to approve the 2015 Elected Officials Salaries, Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

**13. Discussion and appropriate action regarding employee salaries for FY 2015**

Discussion of employee salaries were discussed for the Juvenile Probation Office, This item was tabled to the September 8, 2014 County Commissioner Court Date.

**14. Discussion and appropriate action regarding payment schedules for non-profits, governmental entities, and custodial contracts**

Commissioner Ortega motioned to the payment schedule for non-profit governmental entities and custodial contracts, Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

**15. Amend County’s investment policy to bring into compliance with the Public Funds Investment Act**

This item was tabled

**16. Public Comment**

No public comments

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Kathy Killingsworth, County Judge

ATTEST:

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Bert Rios- Martinez, County Clerk