

**CALLED MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014, AT 9:00 A.M.
BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
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ALPINE, TEXAS**

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

KATHY KILLINGSWORTH	COUNTY JUDGE
ASA "COOKIE" STONE	COMMISSIONER PCT. 1
RUBEN ORTEGA	COMMISSIONER PCT. 3
MIKE PALLANEZ	COMMISSIONER PCT. 4
BERTA RIOS-MARTINEZ	COUNTY CLERK
DELLA SHACKELFORD	COUNTY TREASURER

To discuss and take action as appropriate on the following:

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Judge Killingsworth led the Court in an Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance

*Commissioner Stone read a letter of his resignation to be effective October 31, 2014.
Judge Killingsworth voiced her regrets and thanked Commissioner Stone for his time served and indicated it would be on the next agenda.*

2. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

*Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the minutes of August 22, 2014 as presented.
Commissioner Stone seconded the motion, and passed unanimously.*

3. Rollback Tax Petition/Accept petition Pursuant to Section § 26.07, Tax Code

*Julianne Braun presented the court with a petition for a Rollback Election and read the petition.
She stated the number of voters who have signed the petition.
Judge Killingsworth stated the Court would have 20 to determine the validity of the petition.*

Commissioner Ortega moved to accept the petition presented to the Court. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion, and passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

*Treasurer Shackelford reviewed the general bills including the Tri County Juvenile Probation's bills. No walk-in bills were presented at the time.
Commissioner Ortega pointed out that invoice 87791 needed to be recorded under JP 2 not JP 3.*

Commissioner Ortega motioned to approve the bills as presented. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and abstained from item 87676, and Commissioner Pallanez abstained from 87721. All were in favor and the 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
Grant Reports	Requested by Commissioner

Treasurer Shackelford reviewed the financials that included September bills, Payroll, receipt listing, and the Specified Activity Report.

C. Employee Supplemental Dental/Vision Insurance

1. Presentation by Martin & Herring Insurance Associates, L.L.P. concerning employee supplemental dental/vision insurance

Mindy Seahorn reviewed the possible options that can be offered to the County. Seahorn provided information on the competitive policies with what the County currently has. Seahorn suggested MetLife and United Concordia to be the two most competitive rates and stated that MetLife was more compatible to what we currently have with no waiting period. Seahorn reviewed both the Dental and the Vision options of the policy and suggested changing both to be with the same company.

2. Discussion and appropriate action concerning changing plans or remaining with current plan (Ameritas)

Commissioner Ortega motioned to approve MetLife as the County's provider for Vision and Dental supplemental insurance. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion, and passed unanimously.

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

There was no discussion.

5. Officials' Monthly Reports / Discussion and appropriate action

There was nothing to report at this time.

6. 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

Superintendent Frenchie Causey reported that Commissioner Ortega requested that pipe be set at the tennis courts in Marathon and that has been completed. Signs were posted on certain roads within the County along with other general road work, Causey stated. .

*Commissioners recessed at 9:35 a.m.
Commissioners reconvened at 9:45 a.m.*

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

There was no discussion or action at this time

7. Brewster County Clerk / Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts / 2015 Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees Report as required under Texas Local government Code Section §118.131

County Clerk, Berta Rios-Martinez reviewed the changes in the 2015 Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees Schedule.

Commissioner Ortega motioned to approve the 2015 Sheriff's and Constables' Fees as read. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion, and passed unanimously.

8. Brewster County Tourism Council

A. Reappointment of Board Members / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Killingsworth read the list of Brewster County Tourism Council Members for reappointment for a two year term for the odd numbered year, beginning January 1, 2015.

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the reappointment of Council Members as presented. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion, and passed unanimously.

B. Consider Madden Media advertising contract over \$5,000 / Request for approval

Ron Sanders explained what Madden Media does for the area and asked for approval of the contract. Judge Killingsworth informed the Court that it is a quarter page ad for \$7,572.67 and will begin in the fall.

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Madden Media advertising contract in the amount of \$7,572.67. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion, and passed unanimously.

9. Brewster County Historical Commission / Reappointment of Board Members / Discussion and appropriate action

Travis Roberts provided a list of those on the Brewster County Historical Commission and asked for reappointment of those members.

Commissioner Ortega motioned to approve reappointment of Brewster County Historical Commission board members. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion, and passed unanimously.

10. Brewster County Emergency Services District #1/Reappointment of Board Members

Judge Killingsworth named the list of Board of Directors for the Brewster County Emergency Services District #1 that are up for reappointment.

Commissioner Stone motioned to approve reappointment of the Brewster County Emergency Services District #1 as read. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion, and passed unanimously.

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

Travis Roberts stated he has not heard anything from TCEQ.

12. Delinquent Tax/Fines and Fees/ Select new Law Firm to Collect/Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Killingsworth provided an opportunity for the Commissioners to express their opinion and thoughts, Commissioners provided their thoughts on which law firm would best serve the County in the collection of delinquent taxes. Commissioners commented on which Law Firm would benefit the needs of Brewster County.

Commissioner Ortega motioned to approve Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Simpson, LLP to serve as the Law Firm to collect Brewster County delinquent taxes, fees and fines with the contract period of 5 years beginning on May 1, 2015 and the County Judge be able to contact Brewster County legal counsel Greg Hudson to prepare the contract. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion, Commissioner Stone abstained, with a vote of 3 in favor of this motion.

13. IT Matters

A. Update on IT issues & contract with Nectar Computers

Judge Killingsworth stated that the County has been working with Nectar Computers and made the recommendation to enter into a 3 year contract with Nectar Computer at the rate of \$75.00 an hour beginning November 1, 2014. Nectar Computers has served the County very well.

B. Discussion and appropriate action for IT work to go forward

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve a 3 year contract with Nectar Computer at the rate of \$75.00 beginning November 1, 2014. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion, and passed unanimously.

14. Public Comment

There were no public comments

Commissioner Ortega motioned to adjourn at 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Stone seconded the motion, and passed unanimously.

Kathy Killingsworth, County Judge

ATTEST:

Berta Rios-Martinez