

PUBLIC NOTICE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018, AT 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:

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| 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 |

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
BREWSTER COUNTY'S REQUEST TO APPLY TO THE USDA RURAL
DEVELOPMENT FOR TWO GRANTS

1. Public Hearing regarding application for grant assistance to purchase water tanker/fire tanker for county use

A. Opportunity for Public Comment

Sarah Allen Colando from Terlingua said she feels they are using Marathon to get the grant for the water tanker. She feels it's going to send a bad message to the rural population that they are using their demographics to get this equipment which is primarily going to be used by Road & Bridge and housed in Alpine.

B. Discussion among Members of Commissioners Court and Commissioners Court and Public

David Lambrix requested authorization for the application for a grant for a tanker/firetanker from USDA. Judge Cano and commissioners discussed the purchase of the water tanker and where it will be stationed.

2. Public Hearing regarding application for grant assistance to help purchase two (2) new patrol vehicles for the Sheriff's Office, one in Marathon area and the other in Terlingua area

A. Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comment.

B. Discussion among Members of Commissioners Court and Commissioners Court and Public

Judge Cano and commissioners discussed the application for grant assistance to purchase two new patrol vehicles for the Sheriff's office, one for Marathon and the other for Terlingua.

3. Adjourn

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

The Public Hearing regarding Brewster County's request to apply for the USDA Rural Development Grants closed at 9:53 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation and Pledge were led by Judge Cano.

2. Brewster County's request to apply to the USDA Rural Development for two grants / Discussion and appropriate to approve both USDA Rural Development grants

David Lambrix requested approval to apply to the USDA Rural Development for two grants. The grants will be used for the water tanker operated by Road & Bridge Department and two new vehicles for the Sheriff's Office, one in Marathon and the other in Terlingua. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the USDA grant for the water tanker/firetanker in the amount of \$50,000.00. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 4-1. Commissioner Garrett opposed.

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the USDA grant for the two patrol vehicles for the Sheriff's Office which will be stationed in Marathon and Terlingua in the amount of \$50,000.00. Commissioner Garrett seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

3. 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.

4. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

Commissioner Esparza moved to approve the minutes for February 7, 2018 as presented. Commissioner Garrett seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

5. Recognitions & Announcements

Commissioner Ortega said the Friends of Marathon Community Center had a Fish Fry Dinner and raised \$12,188.31. He thanked everyone who donated, helped and came to buy a plate.

6. Brewster County Tourism Council

A. Tourism Council Appreciation Gift Presentation to the Center for Big Bend Studies

Travis Roberts of the Brewster County Tourism Commission presented a check for \$5,000.00 to Andy Cloud of the Center for Big Bend Studies.

B. Tourism Council 2017 Annual Report

Robert Alvarez, Executive Director of Brewster County Tourism Council, presented the 2017 Annual Report.

7. Treasurer's Office

A. Financial Reports / Updates, discussion, review and appropriate action concerning the following:

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| Combined Statement of Revenues & Expenses | Payroll Reports |
| Check Register | Receipt File Listings |
| Personnel/Overtime Reports | Cash Reports |
| Other Financial Report as Requested by Commissioners | Grants Reports |

Treasurer Mann presented the Financial Reports.

B. Approve Payroll for pay period February 5, 2018 – February 18, 2018 / Discussion and appropriate action

Treasurer Mann presented the payroll for pay period February 5 – February 18, 2018. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Esparza 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

No action.

8. Brewster County Auditor

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Paty Saenz presented the General Bills. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve general bills as presented with changes noted, as well as walk-ins. Commissioner Garrett seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Ortega abstained from Pinnacle Propane. Commissioner Esparza abstained from Printco.

B. Financial Reports / Updates, discussion, review and appropriate action concerning the following:

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| Statement of Cash Position | Transfers |
| Budget Analysis Usage Report | |

No action.

C. Budget for other funds / Discussion and appropriate action

No action.

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

Treva Watson, County Auditor, said she is working with Vanessa Alarcon, our external auditors with GRP, on the 2017 audit.

9. Officials' Monthly Reports

Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk, presented the Officials' Monthly Reports. Commissioner Pallanez read the Officials' Monthly Reports. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as read. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

10. Road & Bridge Department / Community Facilities

A. Road & Bridge Superintendent's Report

General updates on maintenance and repairs for all county roads; road materials including, fuel, supplies including usage & inventories & future needs; 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) and community facilities (assistance with maintenance and other related issues); assistance to other governmental entities and emergency responders; personnel issues, (vacancies, new hires, performance and safety); permits for boring or trenching for utilities across County Roads

Frenchie Causey, Superintendent of the Road & Bridge Department, gave an update on

the R & B Department. He mentioned they park their equipment in a little yard on Terlingua Ranch Road. Tom Williams lives there at Terlingua and gave them permission to park their equipment there. Mr. Causey said Tom would like to sell the property to the county to continue parking their equipment there because if he sells it they will have to move the equipment. He said he would find out how much he is asking for the property and just wanted to bring it to the courts attention so they can think about it.

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

No action.

11. Emergency Management Department

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; burn bans, emergency management issues related to public and private insurance coverage, personnel issues related to emergency response, matters related to pending & future Homeland Security & FEMA Grants / Discussion and appropriate action

David Lambrix gave an update on the Emergency Management Department.

B. Homeland Security Grant Program / Approve Application and Resolution for Grant # 3559501 Multi-Jurisdictional Interoperability Communication Grant / Discussion and appropriate action

David Lambrix requested approval for Application and Resolution for grant # 3559501 Multi-Jurisdictional Interoperability Communication Grant. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve and apply for grant #3559501. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

C. Accept donation of 24/APX 6500 dual band radios from Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo, Department of Public Safety Tribal Communications Division, if purchased by the county, the cost to county would be approximately \$139,000.00 / Discussion and appropriate action

David Lambrix requested approval for donation of 24/APX 6500 dual band radios from Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo, Department of Public Safety Tribal Communications Division. If purchased by the county, the cost would be approximately \$139,000.00.

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve and send a thank you letter on behalf of the Brewster County Commissioners Court. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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

No action.

12. Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP. / Discuss and consider Bid for Purchase of Property Held in Trust by Alpine I.S.D.

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| Property Number R20362 | \$2,400.00 | |
| Property Number R20362 | \$2,341.00 | |
| * Property Number R20362 | \$6,500.00 | Listed in Error |
| Property Number R20362 | \$1,800.00 | |
| Property Number R20362 | \$2,700.00 | |
| Property Number R19599 | \$1,221.00 | |
| Property Number R19599 | \$1,800.00 | |
| Property Number R19599 | \$2,125.00 | |
| Property Number R20593 | \$210.00 | |
| Property Number R14040 | \$1,600.00 | |
| Property Number R20834 | \$105.00 | |
| Property Number R19587 | \$1,800.00 | |
| Property Number R19587 | \$1,621.00 | |
| Property Number R20009 | \$551.00 | |
| Property Number R20009 | \$185.00 | |
| Property Number R20009 | \$130.00 | |

Lori Wilmarth from Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP, presented information on the bids for Purchase of Property Held in Trust by Alpine I.S.D.

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve high bid for R20362 Property for \$2,700.00.

Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve high bid for R19599 Property for \$2,125.00.

Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve high bid for R20593 Property for \$210.00.

Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve high bid for R14040 Property for \$1,600.00.

Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve high bid for R20834 Property for \$105.00.

Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve high bid for R19587 Property for \$1,800.00.

Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve high bid for R20009 Property for \$551.00.

Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

13. Mold Assessment Review and timeline for removal in the Brewster County Jail / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano and commissioners discussed the mold assessment review and timeline for mold removal in the Brewster County Jail. Discussion included roof repair for the jail.

14. Matters related to Interlocal Agreements / Request to ratify 2018 Interlocal Services Agreement with Pecos County acting as fiscal agent for Brewster County for 83rd District Attorney Budget / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano discussed the request to ratify 2018 Interlocal Services Agreement with Pecos County for 83rd District Attorney Budget. Commissioner Ortega moved to change the payment schedule with Pecos County and review it again on March 7, 2018. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

15. Schedule next Commissioners Court Meeting, March 7, 2018

Judge Cano said the next Commissioners Court Meeting will be March 7, 2018.

Court recessed at 11:56 a.m.
Court reconvened at 1:07 p.m.

16. TCEQ Workshop / Update on guidelines for RV Parks

Judge Cano discussed TCEQ guidelines for RV Parks. He mentioned there might be more pipeline activity and wanted the community to be aware. Judge Cano said Marshall McLean, Designated Representative for TCEQ, does the inspections for RV parks in the area.

Alma Duarte, Texas Commission Environment Quality, led the workshop on guidelines for RV parks.

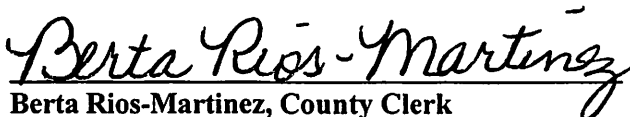
17. Adjourn

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



Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk