

PUBLIC NOTICE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018, AT 9:00 A.M.
BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
ALPINE, TEXAS

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 9:06 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. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the minutes for February 21, 2018.
Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment – Comments are limited to 5 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. Recognitions & Announcements

Judge Cano said he will be leaving after the meeting to Austin for a Probate Academy and will be gone for the rest of the week. Judge Cano congratulated Commissioner Pallanez for winning the election as Commissioner Precinct 4 and thanked him for his service.

5. Treasurer's Office

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

Combined Statement of Revenues & Expenses
Check Register
Personnel/Overtime Reports
Other Financial Report as Requested
by Commissioners

Payroll Reports
Receipt File Listings
Cash Reports
Grants Reports

Treasurer Mann presented the Financial Reports.

B. Approve Payroll for pay period February 19, 2018 – March 4, 2018 / Discussion and appropriate action

Treasurer Mann presented the payroll for pay period February 19 - March 4, 2018. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve payroll as presented. Commissioner Garrett seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

C. Discussion and appropriate action concerning employees with excess vacation hours to be in compliance with updated handbook section 2B-3

Treasurer Mann gave an update on employees with excess vacation hours to be in compliance with updated handbook section 2B-3. Treasurer Mann said she would email all department heads and Elected Officials who have employees with excess vacation hours and state how many they have and encourage them to use the hours. At budget time we can re-evaluate.

D. 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

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Paty Saenz presented the General Bills. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve general bills including walk-ins. Commissioner Pallanez 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:

Statement of Cash Position	Transfers
Budget Analysis Usage Report	

Treva Watson, County Auditor, said overall we are doing well on the budget.

C. Budget for other funds / Discussion and appropriate action

No action.

Court recessed at 10:16 a.m.

Court reconvened at 10:33 a.m.

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

Ms. Watson said one of the offices may require a budget amendment so they have enough money to attend the Net Data conference.

7. Officials' Monthly Reports

No action.

8. 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. Clean-up Day will be April 14, 2018.

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

No action.

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

No action.

10. 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 gave a brief update on the Interlocal Agreements. Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Pecos County for 83rd District Attorney Budget. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

11. Tri County Juvenile Probation / General Update / Discussion

Shaun Barak, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, gave an update on the Tri County Juvenile Probation Department.

12. 2017 Racial Profile/Citation Data from Sheriff's Office / Discussion and appropriate action

Sheriff Ronny Dodson gave a review on the 2017 Racial Profile and Citation Data.

13. Contracts for Service with local Non-Profit entities for FY 2018 (Big Bend Amateur Softball Assoc., Terlingua CSD, Child Welfare Board, and Big Bend Little League) / Discussion concerning contracts for service in 2018

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the contracts as presented. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

14. 83rd District Attorney's Office / Ratify Resolution for the Office of the Governor Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program for a Crimes Victim Coordinator for 2018-2020 / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Resolution for the 83rd District as presented. Commissioner Garrett seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

15. Brewster County Jail / Discussion on matters related to fixing Brewster County Jail's Roof / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano and commissioners discussed the matter related to repairing Brewster County Jail's Roof. Commissioner Ortega will gather information to create a bidding process.

16. Schedule next Commissioners Court Called Meeting, March 14, 2018, Marathon Community Center, Marathon, Texas

Judge Cano said the Regular Commissioners Court Meeting will be March 21, 2018. The next Called Meeting for Commissioners Court will be in Marathon on March 28, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Court recessed at 11:38 a.m.
Court reconvened at 1:04 a.m.

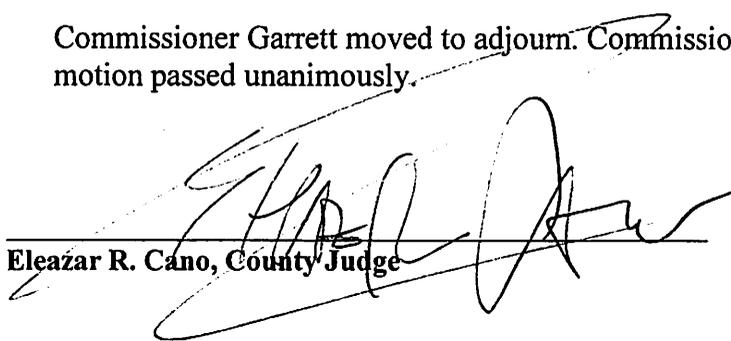
RECESS until 1:00 P.M.

17. Road & Bridge Workshop Session / Discussion concerning work and mission of Road & Bridge Department

Frenchie Causey and the commissioners discussed what maintenance needs to be done in each of their precincts. Commissioner Esparza said Val Beard donated a check for \$500.00 to the Road & Bridge Department for use on Hovey Road.

18. Adjourn

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



Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk