

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8 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:

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 Martin	County Treasurer
Berta Rios-Martinez	County Clerk

1. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation and Pledge were led by Judge Cano.

2. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

No action.

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. Brewster County Groundwater Conservation District / Presentation by Summer Webb, General Manager / Update / Discussion and appropriate action

Summer Webb, General Manager, gave an update on the Brewster County Groundwater Conservation District.

5. Texas Association of Counties (TAC) / Presentation on August 2, 2018 / Update on Sheriff's Deputies/Jailers Overtime / Discussion only

Judge Cano gave an update of the presentation on August 2, 2018 by the Texas Association Of Counties (TAC). Sheriff Ronnie Dodson gave an update on the Sheriff's deputies and jailers overtime.

12. Sheriff's Office / Abandoned Vehicle Auction / Sheriff's request to auction 2002 Red Jeep, VIN# 1J4FA49S32P759054 and 2010 White Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN#

1GNUKAE02AR279966 and 2009 White Chevrolet Pickup, VIN# 3GCEK13399G169759 and 2013 White Chevrolet Pickup, VIN# 2GCPKSE74DG330025 and 2014 Black/White Dodge Ram Pickup, VIN# 1C6RR7XT3ES323564

Sheriff Ronny Dodson requested permission to auction the abandoned vehicles and some county vehicles and old Sheriffs cars. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the request from Sheriff Ronny Dodson. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

6. Recognitions & Announcements

Judge Cano said he will be going to Lubbock next week for the Judicial Conference and then going to the COG.

7. Treasurer's Office

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

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 Martin said she will present her Financial Reports at the next court.

B. Approve Payroll for pay period July 23rd, 2018 – August 5th, 2018 / Discussion and appropriate action

Treasurer Martin presented the payroll for pay period July 25th – August 5th, 2018. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve payroll as presented. Commissioner Pallanez 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 Martin said Jose Gutierrez needs to be added to the Jail Inmate Trust Account and Jail Commissary Account and Jimmy Martinez needs to get removed. Jimmy Martinez resigned and Jose Gutierrez took over as Jail Administrator. Commissioner Garrett moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

8. Brewster County Auditor

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Paty Saenz presented the General Bills and walk-ins. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve bills as presented and walk-ins. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Ortega abstained from Pinnacle Propane bills and Commissioner Esparza abstained from Printco bills.

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

**Statement of Cash Position
Budget Analysis Usage Report**

Transfers

Treva Watson, County Auditor, gave a brief update on the financial reports. Ms. Watson reminded everybody that the new year begins October 1, 2018. She asked not to spend any money after September 19, 2018 so they can do whatever line item transfers they need to do in order to balance the budget. Ms. Watson also requested a one line item transfer from the Veterans Service Office. She said he wants to transfer funds from the transportation fund to the Conference fund to even it out. He wants to also transfer some more of the same fund into office supplies. Commissioner Ortega moved to transfer funds from the Veterans Service Office budget and line items as presented by Ms. Watson. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

C. Budget for other funds / Discussion and appropriate action

No action.

D. Open & Read Bids for Water Tanker Truck / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano and the Commissioners discussed the bids for the water tanker truck. Commissioner Ortega moved to accept the bid from Truck Enterprises, Inc. for \$159, 676.00. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

E. Consider and adopt countywide pay scale for county employees, tabled from July 25th Meeting / Discussion and appropriate action

Treva Watson, County Auditor, reviewed the countywide pay scale for county employees, tabled from July 25th meeting. Commissioner Ortega moved to adopt the countywide pay scale as presented. Commissioner Garrett seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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

No action.

9. Officials' Monthly Reports

Berta Rios-Martinez presented the Officials' Monthly Reports. Commissioner Garrett 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

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

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

Stephanie Elmore recommended to lift the burn ban for the Alpine Fire District. Ms. Elmore gave an update on the Emergency Management Department.

B. Double Diamond Emergency Management Plan / Update on surveys of water tank and general progress

Cody Garza and Stephanie Elmore, gave an update on surveys of water tank locations and general progress for Double Diamond Emergency Management Plan.

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

No action.

13. Extension Service (Texas Agri Life) / Presentation by Kloey Cargill Painter / Update

Kloey Cargill Painter gave an update on the Extension Service (Texas Agri Life).

14. Brewster County Tourism Council

A. Report from Executive Director Robert Alvarez

Executive Director Robert Alvarez gave an update on the Brewster County Tourism Council. He said Texas Tourism changed their name to Travel Texas on August 1, 2018. Bill Ivey also gave a brief update on the Tourism Council.

B. Presentation of the 2019 Budget / Discussion and appropriate action

Robert Alvarez gave a presentation of the 2019 budget.

15. Marathon Post Park

A. Authorize Commissioners Court to designate Commissioner Precinct 3, to give permission to sign paperwork from the Water District on behalf of Brewster County to drill a new water well at Post Park in Marathon / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Ortega requested authorization from the Brewster County for a proposed water well at Post Park in Marathon. Commissioner Esparza moved to authorize Commissioner Ortega Pct. 3 to sign the paper work on behalf of Brewster County. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

B. Approve Application for Drilling Permit from the Brewster County Groundwater Conservation District / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Esparza moved to approve the application for Drilling Permit to the Brewster County Groundwater Conservation District. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

16. 2019 Budget Workshop / Discussion concerning all aspects of County revenues/expenditures and upcoming financial needs for all county departments and other entities funded by the County / Scheduling issues related to adoption of Budget and setting Tax Rate

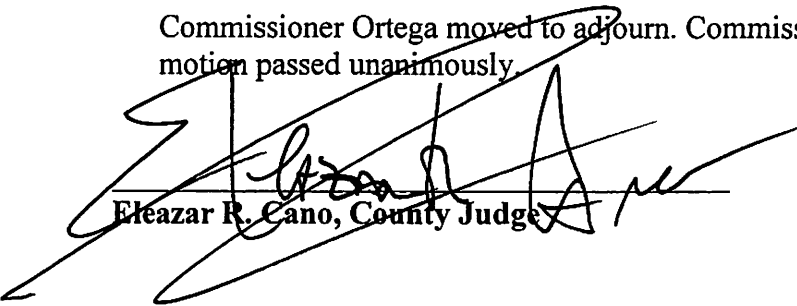
Judge Cano discussed the 2019 Budget for the county and the Tax Rate.

17. Schedule next Commissioners Court Special Meeting, August 16, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. (1st Budget Hearing)

Judge Cano said the next Commissioners Court Special Meeting will be August 16, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., including the 1st 2019 Budget Public Hearing. Also, there will be a called meeting on August 10, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. to canvass the Senate District 19 special election.

18. Adjourn

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



Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk