#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018, AT 9:00 A.M. BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM ALPINE, TEXAS

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., the following Elected Officials were present:

Eleazar R. Cano

Betse Esparza

Commissioner Pct. 1

Hugh Garrett

Mike "Coach" Pallanez

Betty Jo Rooney

Babett Martin

County Judge

Commissioner Pct. 1

Commissioner Pct. 2

Tax Assessor Collector

County Treasurer

County Clerk

### 1. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation and Pledge were led by Judge Cano.

# 2. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

Commissioner Esparza moved to approve Minutes as presented for June 6 and June 13, 2018. Commissioner Garrett 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

Ja-Mar Prince with Texas Disposal System gave a brief presentation about recycling in the county.

# 4. Recognitions & Announcements / Memorial Resolution for Ron Sanders / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano recognized and announced that Mr. Ron Sanders made a big contribution to this county, was a mentor to a few people and will be dearly missed. Robert Alvarez also recognized Mr. Sanders as a big influence in the entire area as far as tourism but also around the state. Judge Cano read the Resolution into record. Commissioner Esparza moved to approve Resolution as read. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Tom Williams spoke very highly of Mr. Ron Sanders and described him as a very, very, honorable person and a great human being.

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Barbara Trammell also gave a brief speech on how Mr. Ron Sanders was an exceptional business man and always had a big smile. He will be dearly missed by the council, the county and was a great man.

#### 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 Martin presented the Financial Reports for the month of May.

B. Approve Payroll for pay period June 11, 2018 – June 24, 2018 / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Esparza moved to approve payroll as presented. Commissioner Garrett 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.

6. Operation Stonegarden / FY16 FRAGO / Update by Mark Davies, Operations Officer, US Border Patrol-Big Bend Sector / Discussion and appropriate action

Mark Davies, Operations Officer, US Border Patrol-Big Bend Sector gave a presentation on Operation Stonegarden FY16 FRAGO.

# 7. Brewster County Auditor

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Paty Saenz presented the General Bills. Commissioner Esparza moved to approve the bills as presented. Commissioner Garrett seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Esparza abstained from Printco bills.

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

**Statement of Cash Position** 

**Transfers** 

#### **Budget Analysis Usage Report**

No action.

## C. Budget for other funds / Discussion and appropriate action

No action.

## 8. Officials' Monthly Reports

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

#### 9. 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 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.

#### 10. 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

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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, part-time EMC, gave an update on the Emergency Management Department.

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

No action.

- 11. Texas Association of Counties Health and Employee Benefits Pool
  - A. Presentation by Mindy Seahorn from Martin & Herring Insurance Associates, County Health Insurance Agent on TAC's 2018-2019 Proposal for Employee coverage

Mindy Seahorn from Martin & Herring Insurance Associates gave a presentation on County Health Insurance and TAC's 2018-2019 Proposal for employee coverage.

B. Discussion and appropriate action concerning accepting proposed TAC Plan making modifications to TAC Plan, or other appropriate action concerning Employee Health Insurance for 2018 - 2019

Commissioner Esparza moved to leave the plan as is. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Court recessed at 10:47 a.m. Court reconvened at 11:04 a.m.

12. Brewster County Jail / Update by Anthony Marshall on County Jail Roof / Discussion and appropriate action

Anthony Marshall gave an update on the Brewster County Jail Roof. Commissioner Esparza moved to approve the proposal as presented. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Court recessed at 12:02 p.m. Court reconvened at 1:08 p.m.

13. Update on meetings held on June 11, 2018 and June 14, 2018, with Brewster County Groundwater District's Manager Summer Webb and Chair Joan Johnson / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Esparza gave an update on the meetings held on June 11 and June 14, 2018 with Brewster County Groundwater District's Manager Summer Webb and Chair Joan Johnson. Judge Cano also gave a brief update on the meetings.

#### 14. Elections Administrator

A. Approval of Sales Order Agreement with ES&S for D200 Scanner / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve Sales Order Agreement with ES&S for D200 Scanner. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

B. Approve Notice and Order for Special Election SD 19 for July 31, 2018 / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Esparza moved to approve Notice and Order for Special Election SD 19 for July 31, 2018. Commissioner Garrett seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Consolidation of Polling Places for Special Election SD 19 for July 31, 2018 / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve Consolidation of Polling Places for Special Election SD 19 for July 31, 2018. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

15. Approve Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a Donation of Two Tracts of Real Property from the Permian Basin Food Bank D/B/A West Texas Food Bank, previously approved on November 8, 2017, authorizing County Judge to execute all documents associated therewith and authorizing payment of closing costs / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano read the Resolution into record. Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

16. Review & Approve Interlocal Contract between Brewster County and Lubbock County Medical Examiner's Office for fiscal year 2019

Judge Cano and Judge Valenzuela both reviewed the Interlocal Contract between Brewster County and Lubbock County Medical Examiner's Office for fiscal year 2019. Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the Interlocal Contract as presented. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

17. Veterans Service Office / Update by Dennis Yancy / Discussion and appropriate action

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Dennis Yancy gave an update on the Veteran's Service Office.

# 18. 2019 Budget Workshop / Discussion concerning process and schedule

# A. Presentation from Elected Officials on 2019 Budget request

Steve Houston, County Attorney, requested an increase on salaries for his two secretaries.

Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk, requested to hire Raquel Ontiveros as a full-time employee at \$26,000.00 per year.

Henry Ogletree, Constable Pct. 1, had no changes on his budget

Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge, said leave budget as is, no changes.

Hugh Garrett, Commissioner Pct. 2, requested for a change in the Janitorial Services.

Judge Cano reviewed some budgets from other departments.

## B. Review of Preliminary Budget and Revenue projections / Discussion only

No action.

#### 19. Schedule next Commissioners Court Meeting, July 11, 2018, at 9:00 A.M.

Judge Cano said the next Commissioners Court Meeting will be July 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

#### 20. Adjourn

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

Eleazar R. Cano,

ATTEST:

Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk