

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018, AT 9:00 A.M.
BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
ALPINE, TEXAS**

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 9:04 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
Betty Jo Rooney	County Tax Assessor
Babett Martin	County Treasurer

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. Discussion and Action to Adopt the Proposed 2018 Tax Rate as set out below:

Maintenance & Operation	0.356344
<u>Interest & Sinking</u>	<u>0.030056</u>
Total Rate Proposed	0.386400

Judge Cano reviewed the Proposed 2018 Tax Rate. Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the Property Tax Rate from maintenance and operation be increased by the adoption of the Tax Rate .356344. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Garrett moved to approve that the Property Tax Rate for debt service be decreased by the adoption of the Tax Rate .030056. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Garrett moved to withdraw the previous order about the Tax Rate. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the Property Tax Rate be increased by the adoption Tax Rate .38640 which is effectively 7.75 percent increase in the Tax Rate. This Tax Rate will raise more taxes from maintenance and operation in last year's Tax Rate. The Tax Rate will effectively be raised by 7.75 percent and will raise taxes from maintenance and operation on \$100,000.00 home by approximately \$25.64. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

5. Recognitions & Announcements

Commissioner Pallanez said the project in Double Diamond is almost done. Judge Cano said we will have a presentation by Linda Molinar from PCHA on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 Commissioners Court meeting.

6. 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 presented the Financial Reports for August.

B. Approve Payroll for pay period September 3, 2018 – September 16, 2018 / Discussion and appropriate action

Treasurer Martin presented the payroll for pay period September 3 – 16, 2018. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve 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 she and the audit are working on the financial reports.

7. Brewster County Auditor

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Paty Saenz presented the General Bills. Commissioner Esparza moved to approve the general bills as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

B. Financial Reports / Updates, discussion, review and appropriate action

concerning the following:

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

Transfers

Paty Saenz gave an update on the financial reports. She said the auditor's office will no longer issue PO's.

C. Budget for other funds / Discussion and appropriate action

No action.

D. Open & Read Bids for (1) New 2018-2019 New Truck 4X4 with Trade for Brewster County Sheriff's Office / Discussion and appropriate action

Julie Morton briefly discussed the bid from Toyota for the Sheriff's vehicle. Commissioner Ortega moved to accept the bid of \$19,817.98 less sales tax. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

E. 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.

8. Officials' Monthly Reports

Commissioner Ortega read the Officials' Monthly Reports for August. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as read. Commissioner Esparza 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

Commissioner Ortega 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 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 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. Sheriff's Office

A. Approval of KOLOGIC Software Agreement / Discussion and appropriate action

Chief Cardoza presented a proposal to review the KOLOGIC Software Agreement. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve KOLOGIC Software Agreement for Brewster County Sheriff's. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ortega moved to amend the motion to include approval from the lawyers on the contract. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

B. FEMA FY 2017 Homeland Security Grant Program / Approval of application and resolution for 2017 Operation Stonegarden Grant / Discussion and appropriate action

Julie Morton requested approval of application and resolution for 2017 Operation

Stonegarden Grant. Commissioner Esparza moved to approve the application and resolution for the 2017 Operation Stonegarden Grant. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

12. Texas Communities Group, LLC / Tax Deeds for Trust Property in Brewster County / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve parcel 12482 winning bidders Johnny and Judy Vick for the amount of \$12,500.00. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

13. 2019 Regional Solid Waste Grants Program / Approval of application and resolution / Discussion and appropriate action

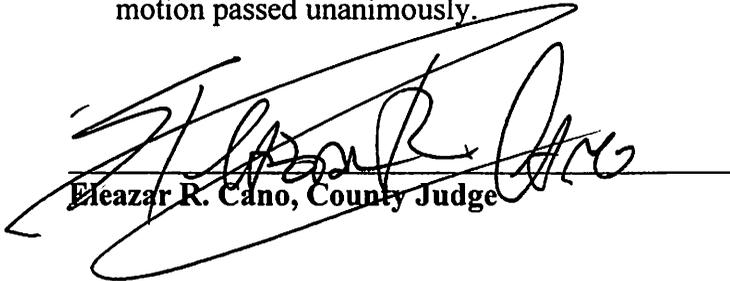
Commissioner Garrett gave a brief update on the 2019 Regional Solid Waste Grants Programs. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the 2019 Regional Solid Waste Grants application and resolution. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

14. Schedule next Commissioners Court Special Meetings, September 26, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

Judge Cano said the next Special Meeting is September 26, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

15. 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