

PUBLIC NOTICE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018, AT 9:00 A.M. BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM ALPINE, TEXAS

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m., the following Elected Officials were present: Commissioner Ortega was absent.

Eleazar R. Cano
Betse Esparza
Hugh Garrett
Mike "Coach" Pallanez
Babett Martin

County Judge
Commissioner Pct. 1
Commissioner Pct. 2
Commissioner Pct. 4
County Treasurer

1. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation and Pledge were led by Judge Cano.

2. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the Minutes for August 16, 2018. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the Minutes for August 22, 2018 with corrections as noted. Commissioner Esparza 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 gave a brief update on the TAC Conference he attended in Austin last week.

Commissioner Pallanez announced a couple of projects are going on at south Highway 118. He said a landowner in north Double Diamond area donated some land to remove the mailboxes from along the highway and place them on the land. Commissioner Pallanez also announced that a residence from Double Diamond will set up a 5,000 gallon water tank in Double Diamond in case of any fires at no cost to the county.

Commissioner Garrett said that the FCC announced yesterday that the applicants for the two proposed 270 ft. towers in south Brewster County had withdrawn their application. He said the company will review plans for the communication towers in south county.

5. 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. She also presented the Brewster County Treasurers Quarterly Investment Report Totals. Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the Second Quarter 2018 Investment Report as presented. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

B. Approve Payroll for pay period August 20, 2018 – September 2, 2018 / Discussion and appropriate action

Treasurer Martin presented the payroll for pay period August 20 – September 2, 2018. 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. Brewster County Auditor

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Paty Saenz presented the General Bills. Commissioner Esparza moved to approve General bills as presented including walk-ins. Commissioner Garrett seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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, gave a brief update on the Financial Reports.

C. Budget for other funds / Discussion and appropriate action

No action.

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

Treva Watson said the county received a notice from the IRS that the county is being fined a little over \$20,000.00 for 1099's that have incorrect information. She requested that any new vendors be presented through the auditor's office prior to making any purchases. She said the county needs to be more cautious about buying from new vendors.

7. Officials' Monthly Reports

Commissioner Esparza read the Officials' Monthly Reports. Commissioner Pallanez moved to approve as read. Commissioner Garrett seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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

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

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

Stephanie Elmore gave a brief update on the Emergency Management Department.

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

No action.

10. Discuss proposal for District Courtroom Emblem by Larry Crawford, Hammerfest Forge Metal Work Studio / Discussion and appropriate action

Larry Crawford, owner and operator of Hammerfest Forge Metal Work Studio, presented a proposal for the emblem for the District Courtroom. Commissioner Pallanez moved to approve the proposal from Hammerfest Forge Metal Work Studio for the emblem to be placed in the courtroom upstairs for \$8,745.41. Commissioner Garrett seconded the motion; Commissioner Esparza opposed.

11. Interlocal Agreement between Brewster County and Alpine Independent School District to provide three Student Resource Officer / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano discussed the Interlocal Agreement between Brewster County and Alpine Independent School District to provide three student resource officers. Commissioner Esparza moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with a correction to the dates. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

12. Permian Basin Community Centers DBA PermiaCare for Mental Health Services Provider Agreement for Mental Health Deputy Services

A. Review of Proposed Contract

Judge Cano reviewed the Proposed Contract.

B. Discussion and appropriate action regarding contract

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the contract Mental Health Deputy Services with PermiaCare for Mental Health Services. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

13. Brewster County is eligible to opt in the Kane County Class Action Law Suit. The Federal Claims Court has already ruled that the United States is liable to all counties that received PILT Payments in Fiscal Years 2015, 2016 and/or 2017 / Update

Judge Cano gave a brief update on the Kane County Class Action Law Suit.

14. Texas Association of Counties / Renewal of CIRA Service Agreement now being managed by Neustar for Email Service Terms / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the renewal of CIRA Service Agreement as stated. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Garrett discussed Tax Deeds for Trust Property in Brewster County.

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the Tax Deed and Property Card for parcel 16719, winning bidder Henry Tarango for the amount of \$201.00. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the Tax Deed and Property Card for parcel 16718, winning bidder Henry Tarango for the amount of \$188.00. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

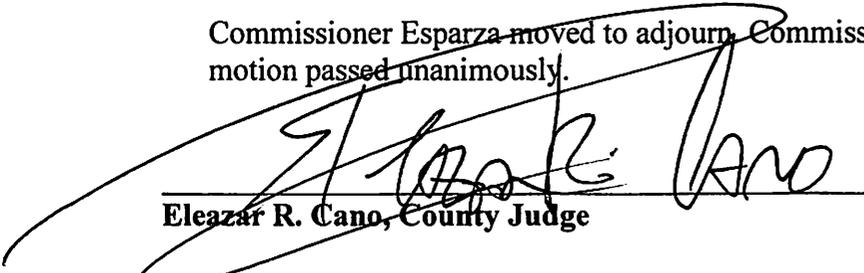
Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the Tax Deed and Property for parcel 15668, winning bidder Weldon Davis for the amount of \$2,000.00. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

16. Schedule next Commissioners Court Special Meetings, September 6, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. (1st Tax Rate Hearing), September 10, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. (2nd Tax Rate Hearing) & September 19, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. Regular Meeting (Adopt Tax Rate)

Judge Cano said the next Special Meeting is September 6, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. which is the 1st Tax Rate Hearing. September 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. will be the 2nd Tax Rate Hearing. September 19, 2018 is the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting to Adopt the Tax Rate.

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