

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CALLED MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018, AT 9:00 A.M.**  
**BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM**  
**ALPINE, TEXAS**

**Commissioner Pallanez called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., the following Elected Officials were present: Judge Cano and Commissioner Ortega were absent.**

**Betse Esparza**  
**Hugh Garrett**  
**Mike "Coach" Pallanez**  
**Berta Rios-Martinez**

**Commissioner Pct. 1**  
**Commissioner Pct. 2**  
**Commissioner Pct. 4**  
**County Clerk**

**1. Canvass of November 6, 2018, General Election / Discussion and appropriate action**

Lora Nussbaum, Election Administrator, canvassed the November 6, 2018, General Election. Commissioner Pallanez said it seems like everything went pretty smooth. Mrs. Nussbaum said for the most part it did. Commissioner Pallanez asked about the totals after all precincts reported and so on. He asked Mrs. Nussbaum how the Channel 7 news from Odessa had the totals maybe about an hour before the radio station did. Mrs. Nussbaum said without mentioning names totals were given out before she was given totals verbally. Mary Bell Lockhart, Brewster County Democratic Party Chair, said they were still running ballots through the scanner counting them and the news stations in Odessa were giving out totals. She does not know how they got them. Mrs. Nussbaum mentioned they were not even close to correct.

Mary Bell Lockhart said at one point there was one reporter there. Mrs. Nussbaum said she did not give them anything because she did not have everything together. Commissioner Esparza asked the ladies if they knew how the news got the totals. Mrs. Nussbaum said she does not know because she did not tell anyone. Mrs. Lockhart said maybe they estimated by percentage or early voters, or maybe assumed. Commissioner Pallanez said the numbers from the radio were pretty accurate about an hour later. Mrs. Nussbaum said she sent it out when she first scanned it printed it out. She does not know how the totals got out before that. Commissioner Pallanez asked Mrs. Nussbaum if she is the only person to designate to give out the totals. Mrs. Nussbaum said she supposed to be the only one. Commissioner Pallanez congratulated Mrs. Nussbaum on a good job.

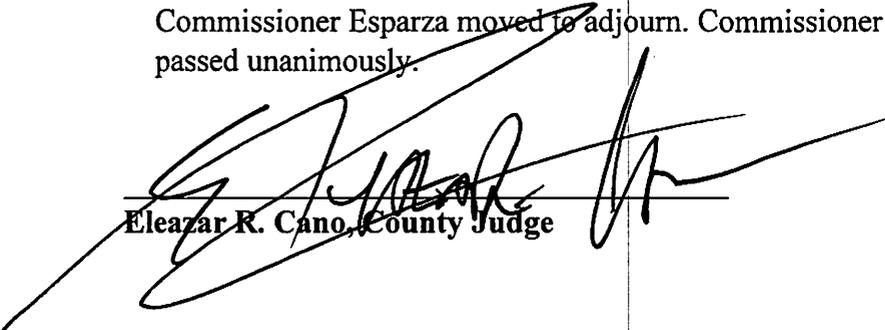
Commissioner Garrett asked Mrs. Nussbaum if the Marathon School District Trustees races are open to everyone or is it divided into seven precincts and people should be voting on a particular race. Mrs. Nussbaum said only Precinct 3 people were able to vote. Commissioner Garrett said he understands but the school district is divided into five or seven precincts. He said they should only vote in their own precinct. Commissioner Esparza clarified that Commissioner Garrett was asking if they have Single Member Districts in Marathon. Mary Bell Lockhart said she did not know. She thinks it is the way it was always been. It is the second time we have done it for them. Everyone votes on everything. Commissioner Garrett said they do not have to have people running in specific areas so they can have people vote on every position. Mrs. Lockhart said she thinks so, which Mrs. Nussbaum did not know.

Commissioner Garrett said the only reason he was asking is because he had never looked at the Marathon Trustee races in the past. Commissioner Pallanez asked Mrs. Nussbaum if they had to have a recount. Mrs. Nussbaum said not so far. Commissioner Esparza asked Mrs. Nussbaum if she knew when the last turnout was above 50 percent. Mrs. Nussbaum said she was told it is a record in the history of the county. Commissioner Garrett asked if it was for mid-term. Mrs. Lockhart said it was definitely a record for the mid-term but is roughly comparable to the previous two presidential years. She said the previous mid-term was 27 or 30 percent overall so it is almost double the previous congressional mid-term elections, so it was historic. Commissioner Garrett asked if party chairs have a comment or anything they want to bring attention to the court. Republican Party Chair, Monica McBride thanked Lora and said it was run really well. She said there were five entities on these ballots and it was difficult to do but everything went very well.

Commissioner Pallanez said this election went a lot smoother than the five years before and thanked Lora for her help. Mrs. Nussbaum said the workers helped out and she could not have done it without them. Mrs. Lockhart said they had 37 people working on Election Day. She said they really appreciate the purchase of all the new equipment because these ballots were counted with the scanner. Mrs. Lockhart also said the county wisely purchased a poll pad system to check voters in, which made it so much easier and faster. She said we had 43 percent vote early and that is the importance of having early voting because it is so much easier to vote early. She said we had two full weeks of early voting, and a weekend of early voting with long hours which made a difference in the turn out. Mrs. Lockhart said there were more mail ballots than ever before as well. Commissioner Garrett moved to approve the results of the November 6, 2018, General Election as presented by the Election Administrator Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

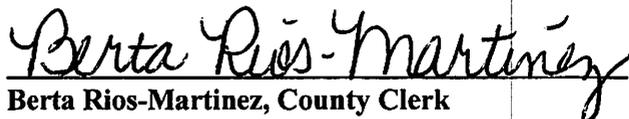
## 2. Adjourn

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



Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk