

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019, 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:

Eleazar R. Cano	County Judge
Betse Esparza	Commissioner Pct. 1
Sara Allen Colando	Commissioner Pct. 2
Ruben Ortega	Commissioner Pct. 3
Mike "Coach" Pallanez	Commissioner Pct. 4
Julie Morton	County Treasurer

1. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation and Pledge were led by Judge Cano.

2. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

Commissioner Ortega moved to table the Minutes for January 23, 2019 until the next Commissioners Court Meeting. Commissioner Pallanez 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

DJ Hensley gave an update on the animal shelter in Marathon. She also mentioned she will have a carseat check-up event in Alpine and asked if she could place fliers in the courthouse and have commissioners attend for support.

4. Recognitions & Announcements /

Judge Cano announced he will be going to Austin after the meeting. He is attending the First Council of Governments meeting which is a State Conference where different COG's attend and participate in other activities. Judge Cano said he will return to Austin on Sunday for Brewster County Day next Monday at the Capitol. Judge Cano also said the water truck should be delivered today.

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 Julie Morton introduced her new assistant, Maria Adams, to the court. Treasurer Morton presented the Financial Reports.

**B. Approve Payroll for pay period January 21, 2019 – February 3, 2019 /
Discussion and appropriate action**

Treasurer Morton presented the Payroll for pay period January 21 – February 3, 2019. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve payroll as presented. Commissioner Esparza 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 Ortega moved to approve the general bills as presented including walk-ins. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Ortega abstained from Pinnacle Propane.

**B. 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, County Auditor, said she finally got the 1099's out but wanted to stress the importance of the W9's. She said if she does not have the W9's in hand she will not be processing any payments to the new vendors.

7. 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. Community Facilities Report

Judge Cano gave a brief report on the Community Facilities on behalf of Johnny Valencia. Sheriff Dodson also gave a brief report on the maintenance at the jail.

C. Discussion and appropriate action for general work of Road & Bridge Department & Community Facilities to go forward

No action.

8. 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. Commissioner Ortega moved to ban fireworks for Texas Independence Day. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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

No action.

9. Brewster County Jail / Update on inspection from Texas Commission on Jail Standards / Discussion only

Sheriff Dodson gave a brief update on the inspection from Texas Commission on Jail Standards. Commissioner Ortega said he applied for a grant through the COG to purchase a generator of 125kw. He said the cost for the generator will be \$60,000 plus \$12- 15,000 on the electrical portion.

10. South County Health Clinic / Consider and act upon joint representation agreement with Hudson & O'Leary LLP in connection with the Big Bend Hospital District/ Brewster County Interlocal agreement for funding South County Health Clinic and related matters / Discuss and take appropriate action

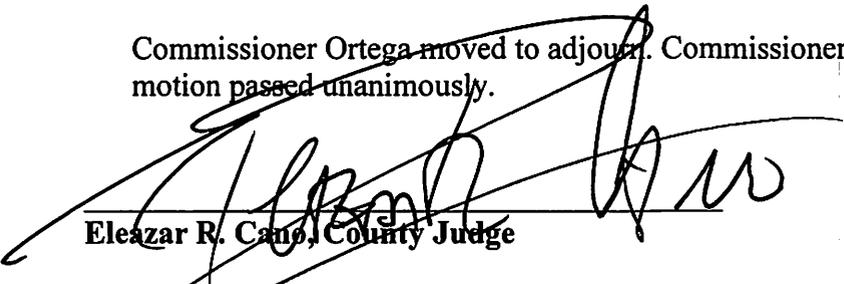
Judge Cano discussed the agreement with Hudson & O'Leary LLP in connection with the Big Bend Hospital District/ Brewster County Interlocal agreement for funding of South County Health Clinic and related matters. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the waiver as presented by Greg Hudson so he can move forward representing the county and the hospital district as this transaction moves forward. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 4-1. Commissioner Esparza opposed.

12. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on February 20, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

Judge Cano said the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting will be on February 20, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

13. Adjourn

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


Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:


Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk