

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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:**

<b>Eleazar R. Cano</b>	<b>County Judge</b>
<b>Betse Esparza</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. 1</b>
<b>Sara Allen Colando</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. 2</b>
<b>Ruben Ortega</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. 3</b>
<b>Mike "Coach" Pallanez</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. 4</b>
<b>Julie Morton</b>	<b>County Treasurer</b>
<b>Berta Rios-Martinez</b>	<b>County Clerk</b>

**1. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance**

Invocation and Pledge were led by Judge Cano.

**2. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval**

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Minutes for February 20, 2019 with changes 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**

DJ Hensley gave a brief update on the Marathon animal shelter. She also wanted to know what she has to do to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

**4. Recognitions & Announcements**

Commissioner Colando reminded everyone that the Study Butte Water Corporation is still under a boil water notice. She said if you know anyone who is consuming the Study Butte water they still need to boil the water before using it for any kind of consumption such as washing hands, washing face, brushing teeth and drinking and etc. Commissioner Colando said it has been in effect since February 19, 2019.

Judge Cano said the COG Annual Meeting will be held on April 12, 2019 at 10 a.m. in Alpine. He said the public is welcomed to attend.

**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 Morton presented the Financial Reports.

**B. Approve Payroll for pay period February 18, 2019 – March 3, 2019 /  
Discussion and appropriate action**

Treasurer Morton presented the Payroll for pay period February 18 – March 3, 2019  
Commissioner Esparza moved to approve payroll as presented. Commissioner Ortega  
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 Morton said AFLAC will be here the week of March 18, 2019 for open  
enrollment.

**6. Brewster County Auditor**

**A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action**

Paty Saenz presented the General Bills. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve  
general bills as presented as well as walk-ins. Commissioner Colando seconded the  
motion; motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Ortega abstained from Pinnacle  
Propane. Commissioner Esparza abstained from Printco.

**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, presented the Quarterly Investment Report for the  
period of October – December 2018.

**7. Officials' Monthly Reports**

Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk, presented the Officials' Monthly Reports. Commissioner  
Esparza read the Officials' Monthly Reports into record. Commissioner Ortega moved to  
approve as read. Commissioner Pallanez 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 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.

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

No action.

Court recessed at 10:05 a.m.

Court reconvened at 10:18 a.m.

**9. Consider authorizing County Judge to sign letter of agreement for a third party in-kind match for the Rio Grande Council of Governments-Far West Texas Multi-Hazards Multi-Jurisdiction Planning Grant, tabled from February 20, 2019 agenda / Discussion and appropriate action**

Judge Cano gave a brief discussion on the letter of agreement. Commissioner Esparza moved to authorize County Judge to sign letter of agreement for a third party in-kind match for the Rio Grande Council of Governments-Far West Texas Multi-Hazards Multi-Jurisdiction Planning Grant. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

**10. Lubbock County Medical Examiner's Office / Approval of Contract between Brewster County and the NAAG Pathology Labs PC which replaces the previous contract Brewster County had with Lubbock County, tabled from February 20, 2019 agenda / Discussion and appropriate action**

Judge Cano gave a brief discussion on the contract between Brewster County and the NAAG Pathology Labs PC which replaces the previous contract Brewster County had with Lubbock

County. Commissioner Ortega moved not to enter the agreement as presented. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

**11. Approve Resolution on Support of the study by the Texas Water Development Board and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality set forth by HB 990, tabled on February 20<sup>th</sup> agenda / Discussion and appropriate action**

Commissioner Colando gave a brief update on support of the Resolution favoring a study by the Texas Water Development Board and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality set forth by HB 990. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Judge Cano read the Resolution into record.

**12. 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. Presentation by the National Guard / Discussion only**

Sargeant Nava from the National Guard gave a presentation on helping out in the communities around the area.

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

No action.

**13. Elections Administrator / SoS/DIR Election Assessment Contracts / Approve ILC and the service specific terms for Managed Security Services (MSS) and Interlocal Contract between the Department of Information Resources and Brewster County relating to the use of the DIR shared services Master Service Agreements, tabled from February 20, 2019 agenda / Discussion and appropriate action**

Judge Cano and Commissioner Esparza gave a brief update on the SoS DIR Election Assessment Contracts. Lora Nussbaum, Elections Administrator, also gave a brief update on the SoS DIR

ElectionAssessment Contracts. Commissioner Ortega moved not to enter the SoS DIR Election Assessment Contracts. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

**14. Discuss and action regarding 2014 expenditure of funds to purchase emergency response vehicle from Odyssey/Echostream and legal options to recoup funds following Odyssey/Echostream chapter 7 bankruptcy**

Judge Cano gave a brief discussion but there was no action.

**15. Salary Grievance Committee / Select 2019 Citizen Member of Committee, previously on the January 9, 2019 agenda / Discussion and appropriate action**

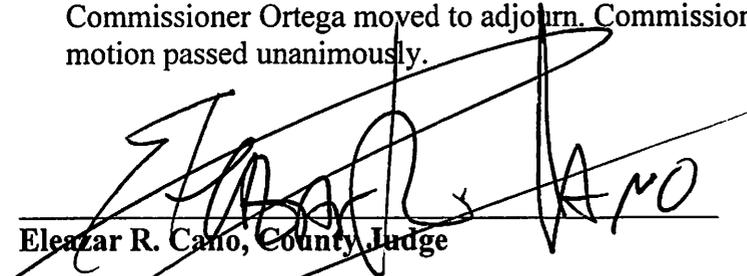
Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk, said the persons who were selected for the Salary Grievance Committee on January 9, 2019 refused to participate. Commissioner Ortega selected three other people for the Salary Grievance Committee. The following people were selected: Sara Knetge from Alpine, Ralph Delmar from Terlingua and Christopher Ferjo from Alpine.

**16. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on March 20, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.**

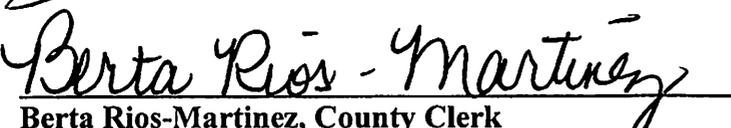
Judge Cano said the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting will be March 20, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

**17. 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