

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019, AT 9:00 A.M.
BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
ALPINE, TEXAS**

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

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
Berta Rios-Martinez	County Clerk

1. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation and Pledge were led by Commissioner Ortega.

2. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

Commissioner Esparza moved to approve the Minutes for January 23 and February 6, 2019 with corrections. Commissioner Colando 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 action.

4. Recognitions & Announcements

Commissioner Colando mentioned that Brewster County Day was on February 11th in Austin. She said she attended along with Judge Cano, Treasurer Morton, Robert Alvarez and Alpine Mayor Andy Ramos. Commissioner Colando said they were able to meet up with a few other people and discussed a number of issues affecting Brewster County and our communities. She said it was a very good day and everyone learned a lot and had a good time.

Commissioner Ortega also announced the fish fry fundraiser at Marathon on February 9, 2019. He said they raised \$14,942 which was the net profit.

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. Commissioner Esparza moved to approve. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

**B. Approve Payroll for pay period February 4, 2019 – February 17, 2019 /
Discussion and appropriate action**

Treasurer Morton presented the Payroll for pay period February 4 – 17, 2019. Commissioner Esparza moved to approve payroll. Commissioner Colando 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 the auditors expect to have the 2018 Audit presented at the first meeting in April.

6. Brewster County Auditor

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Treva Watson, County Auditor, said a couple of checks were written ahead of the meeting. Commissioner Ortega reminded the court that the auditor has permission to do so to avoid late penalties. Paty Saenz presented the General Bills. Commissioner Esparza moved to approve the bills and 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**

No action.

7. Officials' Monthly Reports

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

Commissioner Ortega gave an update 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.

10. Elections Administrator / Presentation by Gene Moore with ATT MSS Security Team / 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 / Discussion and appropriate action

Gene Moore with ATT MSS Security Team gave a presentation relating to the use of the DIR shared services Master Service Agreements. Commissioner Esparza moved to have the County Attorney review the contract before moving forward. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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, maintenances, 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. 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 / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Ortega read the letter of agreement. Commissioner Esparza moved to table the agenda item for further information. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

12. 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 / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Esparza moved to table the contract with the Pathology Service Agreement until further review by the County Attorney. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

13. Approve Resolution on Support of the study by the Texas Water Development Board and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality set forth by HB990 / Discussion and appropriate action

The Court briefly discussed the Resolution on Support of the study by the Texas Water Development Board and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality set forth by HB990. Commissioner Colando agreed to contact Representative Roland Gutierrez for more clarification before moving forward. Commissioner Esparza moved to have Commissioner Colando contact Representative Gutierrez in support but need more clarification before moving forward. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

14. Discuss and act upon Resolution authorizing the purchase of 20-acre tract of land from Tom Williams and further authorizing County Judge to execute all instruments in connection with such purchase including earnest money contract and settlement statement/ Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Ortega said the difference of the price of the land is \$1,000 for a total of \$5,500. Commissioner Ortega said \$1000 on 20 acres is appropriate to act on. Commissioner Esparza

moved to authorize the Resolution authorizing the purchase of 20-acre tract of land from Tom Williams and further authorizing County Judge to execute all instruments in connection with such purchase including earnest money contract and settlement statement. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

15. Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office / Homeland Security Grants Division

A. Approval of FY 17-19 Homeland Security Grant Program Applications and Resolutions

1. FY17 Operation Stonegarden #3156303 / Discussion and appropriate action

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, presented the Stonegarden Grants for FY17 #3156303. Commissioner Esparza moved to rescind the funding source for FY17 for Operation Stonegarden #3156303 and approve the new wording with the new funding source being Homeland Security Grant. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

2. FY18 Operation Stonegarden #3156304 / Discussion and appropriate action

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, said the FY18 Operation Stonegarden #3156304 starts on March 1, 2019. She said half of it is for overtime and for equipment. Commissioner Pallanez moved to approve to go forward with FY18 Operation Stonegarden #3156304. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

3. FY19 Critical Infrastructure #3829601 / Discussion and appropriate action

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, said this is a new grant for the Homeland Security Critical Infrastructure Grant. She said it is a grant for a new generator for the jail. Commissioner Esparza moved to go forward with FY19 Critical Infrastructure # 3829601. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

4. FY19 Multi-Jurisdictional Interoperability Communications #3829701 / Discussion and appropriate action

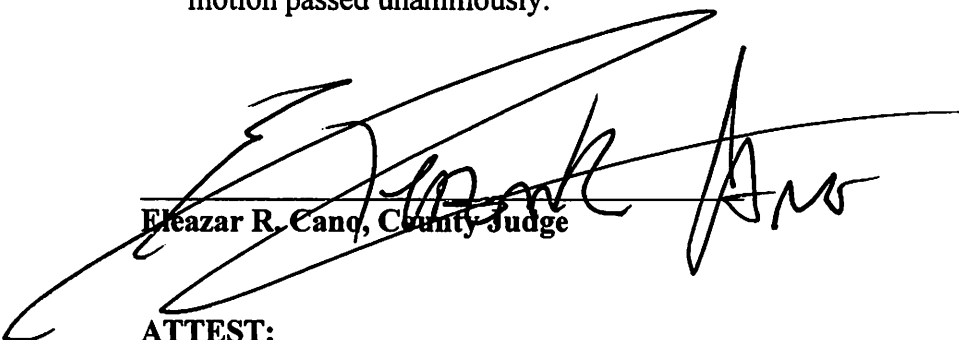
Julie Morton, County Treasurer, said the grant is for maintenance and upgrades to our radio towers in Brewster County. Commissioner Esparza moved to go forward on the FY19 Multi-Jurisdiction Interoperability Communications #3829701. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

16. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on March 6, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

Commissioner Ortega said the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting will be March 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.


14. Adjourn

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



Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



Berta Rios-Martinez
Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk