

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m., the following Elected Officials were present: Commissioner Esparza was absent.

**Eleazar R. Cano
Sara Allen Colando
Ruben Ortega
Mike "Coach" Pallanez
Julie Morton**

**County Judge
Commissioner Pct. 2
Commissioner Pct. 3
Commissioner Pct. 4
County Treasurer**

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 March 6, 2019 as presented. 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

No public comment.

4. Recognitions & Announcements

Judge Cano said he visited with Dennis Yancy, Veterans Service Officer. He said starting on May 2, 2019, the first Thursday of every month, the West Texas Food Bank will bring the truck to distribute food.

The meeting for the dry hydrants is April 27, 2019 in Alpine at 10:00 a.m. at the churches.

Commissioner Ortega announced he will be going to El Paso on Monday, March 25, 2019 for a COG meeting. He said a few county employees will be going to do a grant presentation.

Commissioner Colando announced that the 16th Annual Chihuahua Dog Races will be this Saturday at Terlingua at 10:00 a.m. She said this is a fund raiser for the Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend.

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**

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, presented the Financial Reports. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Financial Reports as presented by Treasurer Morton. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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

After Executive Session, Treasurer Morton presented the Payroll for pay period March 4 – 17, 2019. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve payroll as presented. Commissioner Pallanez 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 reminded the court that AFLAC is across the street 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 the General Bills as presented as well as 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. Sheriff's Office

A. Report by Sheriff on March 6, 2019 Racial Profiling Report

Sheriff Ronny Dodson gave a report on the March 6, 2019 Racial Profiling Report.

**B. Brewster County Sherriff's Office/ Consider approving application and resolution for the
BL20 Local Border Security Grant Program/ Discussion and appropriate action**

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, requested approval of application and resolution for the BL20 Local Border Security Grant Program. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve application and resolution for the BL20 Local Border Security Grant Program. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Judge Cano read the Resolution into record.

8. Officials' Monthly Reports

No action.

9. 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

Commissioner Ortega 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.

C. Community Facilities Report

Judge Cano gave a brief update on the Community Facilities Report on behalf of Johnny Valencia.

D. Discussion and appropriate action for general work of the Community Facilities to go forward

No action.

10. 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. She presented a 45-day Burn Ban Order for the Court's consideration. Commissioner Ortega moved to put the Burn Ban in effect as of today. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Judge Cano read the Burn Ban Order into record.

Court recessed at 10:15 a.m.
Court reconvened at 10:29 a.m.

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

No action.

11. Personnel Matters

A. Executive Session Pursuant to § 551.074, Government Code, VTCA, to discuss the appointment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, compensation, or dismissal of a public officer or employee

Court recessed at 10:30 a.m. for Executive Session
Court reconvened from Executive Session at 11:42 a.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

B. Discussion and appropriate action resulting from Executive Session

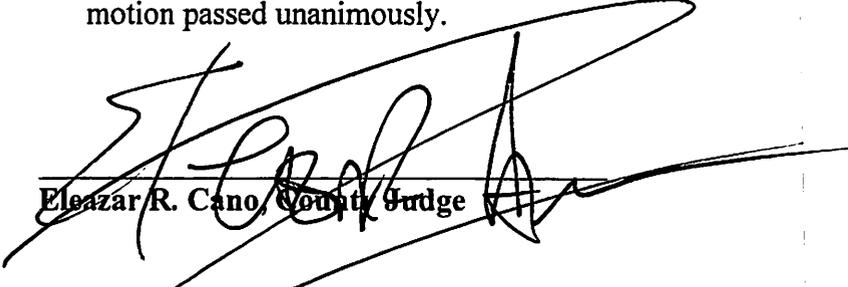
No action.

12. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on April 3, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

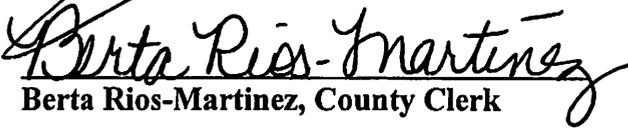
Judge Cano said the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting will be April 3, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Alpine. He said there will be a Commissioners Court Meeting on April 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Red Pattillo Center in Study Butte. Judge Cano said April 13, 2019 will be Brewster County Cleanup Day.

13. Adjourn

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


Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:


Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk