

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019, AT 9:00 A.M.
BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
ALPINE, TEXAS**

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 9:07 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
Berta Rios-Martinez	County Clerk

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 20, 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

Monica McBride spoke on behalf of the Elections Commission and the Brewster County Republican Committee. She voiced her concerns on the voting polls at Sul Ross State University Library. She also read an email from a Republican Election worker, Glenn Ramsdale, who was not able to attend but voiced his concerns on the facility. He stated it was not a good set up for voting polls for Precinct 8.

Elidia Polanco also voiced her concerns on the voting polls at SRSU library. She said they tried to meet the needs of the community but felt the facility was not beneficial for the elderly.

Brandt S. Buchanan gave a brief update on last year's precinct date polling place for Precinct 8 at Sul Ross State University Library.

April Aultman Becker voiced her concern that having the voting polls at Sul Ross State University Library was a good location and was beneficial for the students at Sul Ross.

Dr. Theron Frances gave an update on the voting polls at Sul Ross State University Library for

Precinct 8.

Betsy Evans, Education and Outreach Librarian at Sul Ross gave an update on the voting polls at SRSU library. She said it was beneficial for the students and for the community as well. She felt there was a lot of good communication and just a few snags they need to address as they move forward.

4. Recognitions & Announcements

Judge Cano announced he was in Austin at the capitol to testify on HB990. Commissioner Ortega announced he and other county employees attended a meeting 10 days ago in El Paso and gave a presentation on some grant money. He said they asked for \$135,000 for a generator for the jailhouse and repeaters for the county for better radio reception for the fire department, ambulance, the deputies and everyone else. He also thanked everyone who attended the meeting.

Commissioner Pallanez gave a brief update on the water tanks at Double Diamond.

5. Presentation by Dr. Ekta Escovar, Big Bend Parks and Recreation for Kids / Update on area projects / Information only

Dr. Ekta Escovar gave a presentation on Big Bend Parks and Recreation for Kids.

6. Treasurer's Office

A. Financial Reports / Updates, discussion, review and appropriate action concerning the following:

Combined Statement of Revenues & Expenses	Payroll Reports
Check Register	Receipt File Listings
Personnel/Overtime Reports	Cash Reports
Other Financial Report as Requested by Commissioners	Grants Reports

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, said she will present her Financial Reports at the next Commissioners Court meeting.

B. Approve Payroll for pay period March 25, 2019 – April 5, 2019 / Discussion and appropriate action

Treasurer Morton requested approval for Payroll for pay period March 18 – 31, 2019. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve payroll as presented. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

C. Discuss and consider changing the employee status for the Chief Deputy and Jail Administrator Position from exempt to non-exempt / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano discussed changing the employee status for the Chief Deputy and Jail Administrator position from exempt to non-exempt. Treasurer Morton also gave a brief review on the position. Commissioner Ortega moved to change the status for the Chief Deputy and Jail Administrator from exempt to non-exempt. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Esparza opposed. Judge Cano read the Resolution into record. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve Resolution as read. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Esparza opposed.

D. 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.

7. Brewster County Auditor

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Paty Saenz presented the General bills and walk-ins. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve bills as presented including walk-ins. Commissioner Esparza 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, gave a brief update on the county's budget. She said she is still working with the auditors, GRP ,and should be finished by May 1, 2019.

Court recessed at 10:19 a.m.

Court reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

8. Officials' Monthly Reports

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

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

Superintendent Frenchie Causey gave an update on the Road & Bridge Department.

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

No action.

10. Community Facilities Report

A. Purchase Generator for South County E.O.C. / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Ortega briefly discussed the purchase of a generator for South County E.O.C. Commissioner Ortega moved to purchase a generator for South County E.O.C. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion and appropriate action for general work of Community Facilities to go Forward

Judge Cano gave an update on the Community Facilities. Commissioner Ortega reminded the court that Brewster Clean-Up Day is April 13, 2019. Judge Cano said the City will have an appliance pick up on Monday, April 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

No action.

12. Rio Grande Council of Governments / Brewster County, Interagency Agreements, by Marisa Quintanilla / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano discussed the Rio Grande Council of Governments, Brewster County, Interagency Agreements by Marisa Quintanilla. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve Brewster County, Interagency Agreements by Marisa Quintanilla. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

13. Elections Administrator

A. Review County Election Precinct Boundaries per the Election Code Sec. 42.031 / Discussion and appropriate action

Lora Nussbaum, Elections Administrator, reviewed the County Election Precinct Boundaries per the Election Code Sec. 42.031. She recommended not to do any changes at this time. Commissioner Ortega moved to accept the recommendation as made by the Elections Administrator to leave the precincts as is for now. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. After reviewing the Precinct boundaries, Commissioner Esparza moved to approve the precinct boundaries as presented. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of moving Precinct 1 from Alpine High School to the Old Food Bank located at 2209 W. Hwy 90 and also move Precinct 8 from the Sul Ross library back to the Alpine Neighborhood Center located at 607 W Gallego / Discussion and appropriate action

Lora Nussbaum, Elections Administrator, requested approval for moving Precinct 1 from Alpine High School to the Old Food Bank located at 2209 W. Hwy. 90 and Precinct 8 from the Sul Ross Library back to the Alpine Neighborhood Center located at 607 W. Gallego. Commissioner Esparza moved to approve moving Precinct 1 from Alpine High School to the Old Food Bank located at 2209 W. Hwy. 90. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve to move Precinct 8 from the Sul Ross Library back to the Alpine Neighborhood Center located at 607 W. Gallego. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

14. Proposal for Professional Service Agreement / Engineer Travis Roberts, Certified Surveyor / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Ortega discussed the proposal for Professional Service Agreement / Engineer

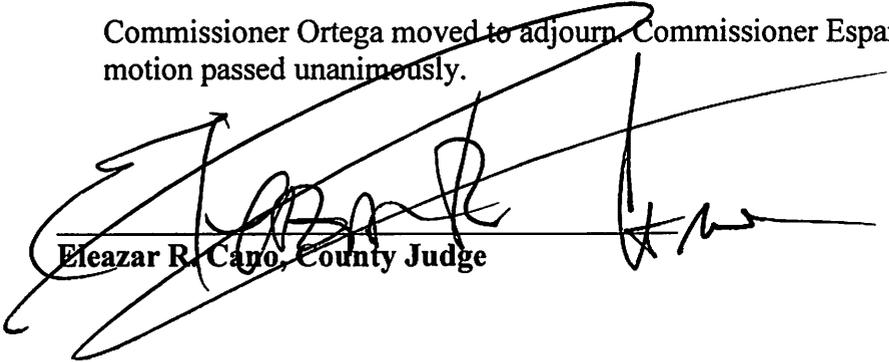
Travis Roberts, Certified surveyor. No action was taken at this time.

15. Schedule next Commissioners Court Meeting on April 17, 2019, at 9:00 A.M.

Judge Cano said there is a Called Meeting on April 10, at 10:00 a.m. at the Red Pattillo Center at South County. The next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting will be April 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Alpine.

16. 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