

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 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: Commissioner Esparza and Commissioner Ortega were absent. Commissioner Ortega was absent due to illness.

**Eleazar R. Cano
Sara Allen Colando
Mike "Coach" Pallanez
Betty Jo Rooney
Julie Morton**

**County Judge
Commissioner Pct. 2
Commissioner Pct. 4
County Tax-Assessor Collector
County Treasurer**

1. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation and Pledge were led by Judge Cano.

2. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

No action.

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 / US 67 Corridor Master Plan / Updates

Vicky Carrasco gave an update on US 67 Corridor Master Plan. She said there is a public meeting tonight at the civic center. She said they have been conducting a study for a year and a half within the cities of Alpine, Marfa and Presidio; and there have been specific improvements that have been recommended at some of the intersections in these cities. Ms. Carrasco said Marfa has two intersections, Presidio has four intersections and Alpine has six intersections for improvements. She said the meeting will be tonight from 5-7 p.m.

5. Brewster County Tourism Council / Presentation of the 2020 Budget / Discussion and appropriate action

No action. Robert Alvarez was not available and requested to do his presentation on July 10, 2019.

6. 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. She presented the payroll and four personnel changes that needed approval from the court. Treva Watson, County Auditor, stated if there are any changes in any position, the Treasurer's office must be notified immediately. Commissioner Pallanez moved to approve the personnel changes. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

B. 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. Texas Association of Counties

A. TAC HEBP Basic Retiree Life Quote for 2020 / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano and commissioners discussed the TAC HEBP Basic Retiree Life Quote for 2020. Ernesto Martinez from Texas Association of Counties, briefly discussed over the phone the TAC HEBP Basic Retiree Life Quote for 2020. Judge Cano decided to table the agenda item until the next meeting.

B. BCBS COBRA / Discuss and consider entering into a contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas for the administration of COBRA services / Discussion and appropriate action

Treasurer Morton discussed the BCBS COBRA. Ernesto Martinez from Texas Association of Counties gave a brief discussion via conference on BCBS COBRA. Commissioner Colando moved to enter into a contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas for the administration of COBRA services. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

C. County Specific Incentive program / Discuss and consider removing the Tobacco User Certification Program for FY 2020 / Discussion and appropriate action

Treasurer Morton discussed and recommended removing the Tobacco User Certification Program for FY 2020. Commissioner Pallanez moved to remove the Tobacco User Certification Program from the FY 2020 County Wellness Incentive Program. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

9. Brewster County Auditor

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Paty Saenz presented the General Bills. Commissioner Pallanez moved to approve bills as presented as well as walk-ins. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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 has currently been working and maintaining the budget and assisting on gathering information and backup for the audit of the Juvenile Probation Office. It has not been done every year but this year it will be done. She said there will be some line item transfers that will be necessary and some budget amendments. Ms. Watson said she will bring all the information in detail prior to her performing those actions and wants to do that in the next meeting.

8. Approve the 2019-2020 Interlocal Agreement for the School Resources Officers for Alpine ISD / Discussion and appropriate action

Sheriff Dodson said there are changes to the salary in the new agreement. He also mentioned that if the superintendent wanted to call any of the School Resources Officers to do some night work or patrolling schools during the summer, it is at her discretion to call them in. Commissioner Pallanez moved to approve the 2019-2020 Interlocal Agreement for the School Resources Officers for Alpine ISD. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

10. Officials' Monthly Reports

No action.

11. 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. He said he found a wood chipper for about \$16,500.

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

No action.

12. Community Facilities Report

A. General Report

Judge Cano gave a brief update on the community facilities on behalf of Johnny Valencia.

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

No action.

13. 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.

14. 2020 Budget Workshop (3rd Budget Workshop) / Discussion concerning all aspects of County revenues/expenditures and upcoming financial needs for all county departments and other entities funded by the County / Scheduling issues related to adoption of Budget and setting Tax Rate

A. 2020 Budget Presentations from Elected Officials & Department Heads on 2020 Budget Requests / Discussion only

Some of the Elected Officials & Department Heads gave a presentation on the 2020 Budget requests.

Susana Gonzales, Justice of the Peace Precinct 3, said there are no changes in her budget.

Sheriff Dodson said he increased his office supplies and fuel as well. He said he removed a travel line item of \$500 on meals because never used it, and transferred it to travel and conference budget. Sheriff Dodson also requested an increase on maintenance for the vehicles. He also requested an increase on computers and food for inmates.

B. Review of budget request forms from Department Heads & Elected Officials / Discussion only

No action.

C. Review of Elected Officials salaries and newspaper ad for 2019-2020 / Discussion and appropriate action

No action.

D. 2020 Budget Policies and Pay Grade Scale for Elected Officials and County Employees / Discussion and appropriate action

No action.

E. Review of Employee Salaries / Discussion only

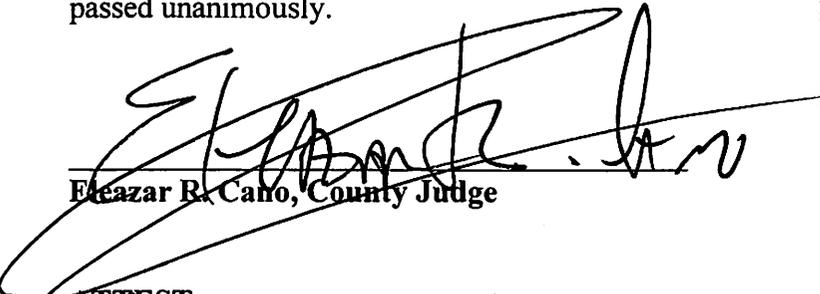
No action.

15. Schedule next Commissioners Court Regular Meeting on July 10, 2019, at 9:00 A.M.

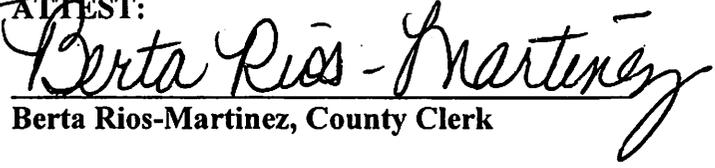
Judge Cano said the next meeting will be July 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

16. Adjourn

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


Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:


Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk