

PUBLIC NOTICE

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2019, AT 9:00 A.M.
BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
ALPINE, TEXAS**

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., the following Elected Officials were present: Commissioner Colando was absent.

**Eleazar R. Cano
Betse Esparza
Ruben Ortega
Mike "Coach" Pallanez
Julie Morton
Berta Rios-Martinez**

**County Judge
Commissioner Pct. 1
Commissioner Pct. 3
Commissioner Pct. 4
County Treasurer
County Clerk**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2020
BREWSTER COUNTY BUDGET**

1. Review of 2020 Proposed Budget

Judge Cano said there are a few minor changes in the 2020 Proposed Budget. Treasurer Morton said the biggest change in the budget was to renew the 2020 retirement rates. She said the proposed budget was based on the rate of 9.74%. Our new 2020 rate will be 10.62% and the retirement is updated on the new budget based on the changes. Treasurer Morton also mentioned there is a minor change in the Justice of the Peace Pct. 1. She said Bianca Barrera resigned from the county. Treasurer Morton presented other changes in the 2020 Proposed Budget.

2. Public Comment regarding 2020 Proposed Budget

No public comment regarding the 2020 Proposed Budget.

3. Discussion among members of Commissioners Court and Public

No action.

4. Adjourn

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

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\$619,023.18, (8.0%), and of that amount, \$30,613.54 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation and Pledge were led by Judge Cano.

2. Matters concerning adoption of 2020 Budget

A. Review of Elected Officials Salaries as proposed by Commissioners Court on June 26, 2019, and Published Notices on July 18, 2019

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Elected Officials Salaries as proposed by Commissioners Court on June 26, 2019, and Published Notices on July 18, 2019. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

B. Discuss and vote to adopt salaries of elected county, precinct officers and employees in the 2020 Budget / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Ortega moved to adopt salaries of elected county, precinct officers and employees in the 2020 Budget. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

C. Discuss and vote to adopt expenses and other allowances of all elected county, precinct officers and employees in the 2020 Budget / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Ortega moved to adopt expenses and other allowances of all elected county, precinct officers and employees in the 2020 Budget with changes as noted by Treasurer Morton. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

D. Adoption, Amendment or other appropriate action concerning 2020 Budget / Discussion and appropriate action (Adopt budget or schedule 2nd budget hearing)

Commissioner Ortega moved to adopt the 2020 Budget with noted changes. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

E. Discuss Property Tax Increase reflected in the 2020 Brewster County Budget / Discussion and appropriate action

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from new property added to the tax roll this year.

Judge Cano and the Commissioners discussed the Property Tax Increase reflected in the 2020 Brewster County Budget. Commissioner Esparza moved to ratify the increase reflected in the 2020 Brewster County Budget. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

F. Approve revised employee salary breakdown spreadsheet / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the revised employee salary breakdown spreadsheet as presented. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

G. Approve revised special qualifications pay policy / Discussion and appropriate Action

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, discussed the revised special qualifications pay policy. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the revised special qualifications pay policy. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

3. Brewster County Auditor

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Treva Watson, County Auditor, presented the general bills. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve general bills as presented with walk-ins and noted with appreciation for the City of Alpine. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Treva Watson, County Auditor, said the Caldwell County filed with the state, for the reimbursement on the jury case. She said they are reimbursing Brewster County \$3,094 on the trial that was held in their county.

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 reposted the prebid meeting for Monday, August 19, 2019 at 9 a.m. She said the bids are for the roofs of the Annex, the gazebo and the Road & Bridge barn.

4. Lajitas Lakeside Cottages / Revisit Plat Approval from April 11, 2005 / Discussion and appropriate action

Steve Houston, County Attorney, gave a brief review on the plat approval from April 11, 2005 for the Lajitas Lakeside Cottages. Scott Beasley, Manager of the Lajitas Lakeside Cottages, provided information as well. Commissioner Ortega moved to table the agenda

item in the next meeting on Wednesday, August 21, 2019. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

5. Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Reporting

A. Update

Kathy Natera gave an update on the Criminal Justice Information System. She said Orlando Gallegos, current CJIS point of contact for the State of Texas, said the county is at 93%. She said the county is above the percentage which is 90%.

B. Discussion and appropriate action

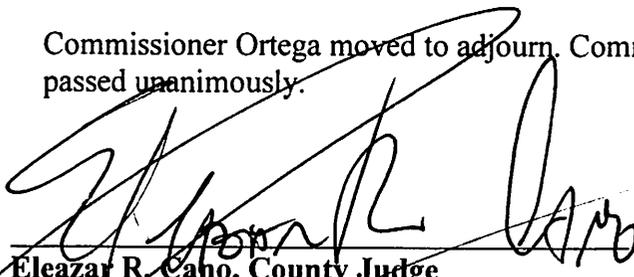
No action.

6. Schedule next Commissioners Court Regular Meeting on August 21, 2019, (1st Tax Rate Hearing & 2nd Budget Hearing, if Budget Hearing wasn't approved on August 16th)

Judge Cano announced the next Commissioners Court Regular Meeting will be August 21, 2019. It will be the 1st Tax Rate Hearing. Judge Cano said he will not be present for the meeting.

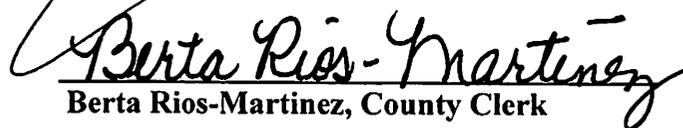
7. Adjourn

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



Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk