

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
MONDAY, JULY 29, 2019, 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:**

**Eleazar R. Cano  
Betse Esparza  
Sara Allen Colando  
Ruben Ortega  
Mike "Coach" Pallanez  
Julie Morton  
Betty Jo Rooney  
Berta Rios-Martinez**

**County Judge  
Commissioner Pct. 1  
Commissioner Pct. 2  
Commissioner Pct. 3  
Commissioner Pct. 4  
County Treasurer  
County Tax Assessor/Collector  
County Clerk**

**1. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance**

Invocation and Pledge were led by Judge Cano.

**2. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**3. Recognition and announcements / Victor Uvale, Texas Association of Counties to announce upcoming workshop in Alpine**

Victor Uvale, Texas Association of Counties, announced they will be hosting a workshop in Alpine on August 13, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**4. Brewster County Central Appraisal District / Presentation of the 2019 Certified Values Discussion and appropriate action**

Bobbie Lane, Deputy Chief Appraiser, presented the 2019 Certified Values for Brewster County Central Appraisal District. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the 2019 Certified Values as presented. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

**5. Brewster County Tax Assessor Collector**

**A. Presentation of 2019 Certified Tax Roll / Discussion and appropriate action**

Betty Jo Rooney, County Tax Assessor/Collector, presented the 2019 Certified Tax

Roll. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the 2019 Certified Tax Roll as presented by Betty Jo Rooney. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

**B. Presentation of the proposed Effective Tax Rate for 2019 / Discussion and appropriate action**

Betty Jo Rooney, County Tax Assessor/Collector presented the proposed Effective Tax Rate for 2019.

**C. Propose 2019 Tax Dates for Hearing (1<sup>st</sup> Tax Rate Hearing, August 21, 2019 & 2<sup>nd</sup> Tax Rate Hearing, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019) / Discussion and appropriate action**

Judge Cano announced a couple of meetings are scheduled for Tax Rate Hearings. Commissioner Ortega moved to table the separate Tax dates for hearing, the 1<sup>st</sup> Tax Rate Hearing being August 21, 2019 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Hearing Tax Rate Hearing September 4, 2019. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

**D. Propose Date of Vote to set Rate (September 18, 2019) / Discussion and appropriate action**

Judge Cano and Commissioners discussed the Date of Vote to set Rate. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Proposed Date of Vote to set Rate on September 18, 2019. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

**6. 2020 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 Policies and Pay Grade Scale for County Employees / Discussion and appropriate action**

Judge Cano and Commissioners discussed the 2020 Budget Policies and Pay Grade Scale for County Employees. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve 2020 Budget Policies and Pay Grade Scale for County Employees. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

**B. Review of Employee Salaries / Discussion and appropriate action**

Judge Cano and the court reviewed the Employee Salaries. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Employee Salaries. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Esparza voiced her concern on the Effective Tax Rate. She said it is higher than last year's. She said she would like to go back to discussion on agenda item

#5 to check on the tax rate.

Court recessed at 10:05 a.m.

Court reconvened at 10:16 a.m.

Judge Cano and the court suggested some corrections on the employee salaries. Betty Jo Rooney returned to review the tax rate.

**C. Review of preliminary budget and revenue projections / Discussion and appropriate action**

Judge Cano and Commissioners reviewed the preliminary budget and revenue projections. Commissioner Ortega moved to file the proposed budget with changes as noted. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

**D. Approve Budget Hearing Dates (August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and August 21<sup>st</sup>, if necessary)**

Judge Cano announced meetings on August 16, 2019 and August 21, 2019.

**E. Approve newspaper ads for Public Hearing on Proposed 2020 Budget, 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing Regarding Tax Rate & 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing Regarding the Tax Rate / Discussion and appropriate action**

Judge Cano and Commissioners reviewed the newspaper ads for Public Hearing on Proposed 2020 Budget, 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing Regarding Tax Rate & 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing Regarding the Tax Rate. They are reviewing the Tax Rate due to a question raised if the numbers presented were accurate for the Effective Tax Rate. Betty Jo Rooney, County Tax Assessor/Collector, will review the Tax Rate and present it at the next Commissioners Court Meeting. Judge Cano announced they will file the Proposed Budget as is but will have some follow-up meetings for the Proposed 2020 actual Tax Rate.

Susan Bentley reviewed the dates on the Tax Rate Hearings.

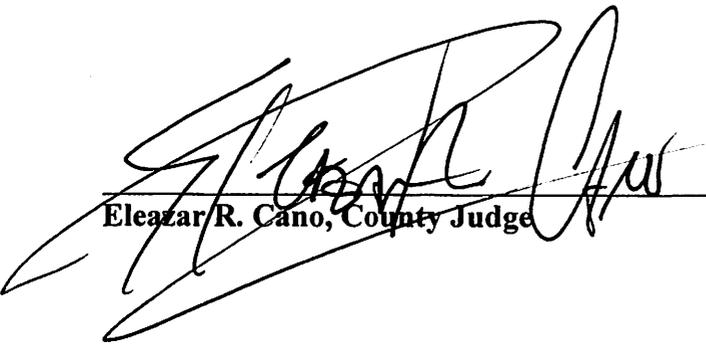
Commissioner Esparza moved to approve with possible changes. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

**7. Schedule next Commissioners Court Regular Meeting on August 7, 2019**

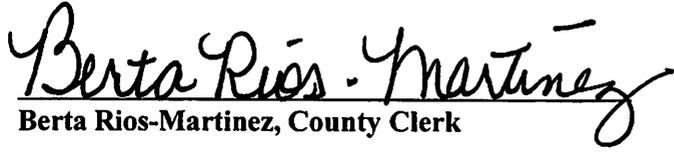
Judge Cano announced the next Commissioners Court Meeting will be on August 7, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

**8. 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