

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019, 9:00 A.M.
BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
ALPINE, TEXAS**

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 9:06 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 Minutes for October 2, 2019 as presented.
Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.
Commissioner Ortega moved to approve Minutes for October 16, 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. Lajitas Lakeside Cottages / Revisit Plat Approval from April 11, 2005 / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Colando said Mr. Hudson reviewed the proposed replat and basically his advice was that it is premature to accept it at this time. Judge Cano suggested to table item #4. Commissioner Ortega stated Steve Houston, County Attorney, presented the replat and he was to make the decision but passed it on to Travis Roberts. Mr. Roberts has been working on this situation. Commissioner Ortega moved to table the agenda item #4. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider and act upon services agreement with ARMKO Industries to perform consulting services for roof to County-owned structures / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano gave a brief update on the insurance money the county received through TAC for the Annex, gazebo and the Road & Bridge building.

Greg Carroll gave a presentation on consulting services with ARMKO Industries.

Commissioner Ortega moved to consider entering to the service agreement with ARMKO Industries to perform consulting services for roof to County-owned structures. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

6. Abandonment of County Road 3.1 miles of Calamity Creek to be reverted back to the property owners / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Pallanez discussed the abandonment of County Road 3.1 miles of Calamity Creek to be reverted back to the property owners. Lady "Chachi" Hawkins and William Wood, property owners, gave a brief update on Calamity Creek and thanked the court for helping with this situation.

Commissioner Pallanez moved to accept the request to abandon County Road 3.1 miles of Calamity Creek to the property owners. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

7. Recognitions & Announcements

A. Announce Greg Hudson's impending retirement from the practice of law at the end of this year

Judge Cano announced Greg Hudson's impending retirement from the practice of law at the end of this year on December 31, 2019.

B. Announce and accept the resignation of Kloey E. Cargill, Agrilife Extension Agent / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano announced the resignation of Kloey E. Painter (nee Cargill), Agrilife Extension Agent. Commissioner Ortega moved to accept the resignation of Kloey E. Painter as our ex-Extension Agent. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ortega stated he would like to send a letter of appreciation to thank the individuals on behalf of the commissioners and judge.

C. Announce that Betty Jo Rooney will not be seeking another term as Tax Assessor/Collector for the 2020 Election

Judge Cano announced that Betty Jo Rooney will not be seeking another term as Tax Assessor/Collector for the 2020 Election.

8. 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, presented the 3rd Quarterly Investment Report for July, August and September. Commissioner Colando moved to accept the Treasurer's 3rd Quarterly Investment Report as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

B. Request for authorization for new signators on county bank accounts for Patty Roach, new Brewster County Auditor, and to remove previous auditor / Discussion and appropriate action

Treasurer Morton requested authorization for new signators on county bank for Patty Roach, new Brewster County Auditor, and to remove the previous auditor. Commissioner Ortega moved to accept the request for authorizing new signators on county bank for Patty Roach, new Brewster County Auditor, and removed the previous auditor. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

C. Financial Northeastern Companies / Introductions and presentation by Samuel E. Vaughan, Vice President / Discussion Only

Treasurer Morton introduced Mr. Vaughan, the county's first CD Broker Dealer. Samuel E. Vaughan, Vice President, gave a presentation on the Financial Northeastern Companies.

D. Update on Time Clock & Pay Policy / Discussion only

Treasurer Morton gave an update on the Time Clock & Pay Policy. Judge Cano and the commissioners gave their input on this discussion.

E. 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.

Court recessed at 10:47 a.m.
Court reconvened at 10:58 a.m.

9. Brewster County Auditor

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Paty Saenz presented the general bills. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve general bills as presented including walk-ins. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Ortega abstained from Pinnacle Propane and Commissioner Esparza abstained from Printco.

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.

10. 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.

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 hired a new worker, Brian Portillo, and he started working on Monday October 28, 2019.

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 an 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. Projects & Priorities for North Double Diamond Sub-Division

A. Traffic Sign / Discuss and act upon as needed on items below

1. Intersection on Juniper and Texas Oak

Commissioner Pallanez voiced his concern on the intersection on Juniper and Texas Oak. He requested for the court to make it an official Four-way stop Intersection. Commissioner Ortega moved to make the intersection on Juniper and Texas Oak official as recommended by Commissioner Pallanez. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

2. Intersection on Hackberry and Texas Oak

Commissioner Pallanez said this intersection has only one stop sign and is requesting for the county to install three stop signs to make it a four-way stop intersection also so it can be recognized as an official four-way stop intersection by the Brewster County Sheriff's office. Commissioner Ortega moved to accept the request as presented. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

3. Intersection on Pallanez Drive, Texas Oak and Piñon

Commissioner Pallanez requested for the two existing stop signs to be fully recognized as official by the Sheriff's office also. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the intersection on Pallanez Drive, Texas Oak and Pinon to recognize as an official intersection for Brewster County purposes. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

B. Roads / Information only**1. Paving of Second Loop**

Commissioner Pallanez discussed the paving of Second Loop.

2. Mail-Box Drive-Way

Commissioner Pallanez gave a brief update on the mail-box drive-way.

C. Stationary Tanks (dry hydrants) to store water / Information only**1. Installation****2. Location****3. Survey (tank location)****4. Specifications**

Commissioner Pallanez gave an update on the stationary tanks (dry hydrants) to store water.

15. 2020 Brewster County Commissioners Court Meeting Schedule from January 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 / Discussion and appropriate action to set meeting schedule for 2020 Fiscal Year

Judge Cano and the commissioners discussed the 2020 Brewster County Commissioners Court Meetings from January 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020. They decided the meetings will begin at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Ortega moved to start the meetings at 9:30 a.m. with the approval of the calendar. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

16. Schedule Special Meeting on November 12, 2019, at 9:00 A.M., to Canvass Votes for the November 5th Constitutional Amendments Election, if any provisional votes come in, meeting will be held on November 18th, 2019, @ 9:00 A.M.

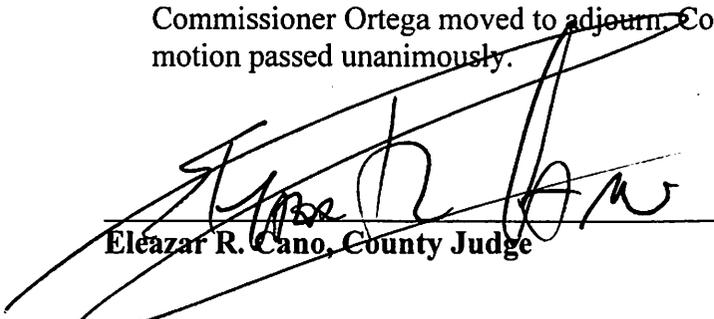
Judge Cano scheduled the Special Meeting on November 12, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., to canvass votes for the November 5th Constitutional Amendments Election.

17. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on November 20, 2019, at 9:00 A.M.

Judge Cano said the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting will be November 20, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

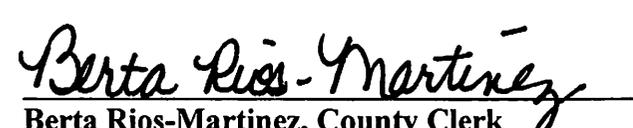
18. Adjourn

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



Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk