

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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	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 September 18, 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 Aril 11, 2005 / Discussion and appropriate action

Travis Roberts presented the revised plat of Lajitas Lakeside Cottages to be approved by the court. The court discussed the revised plat. Commissioner Ortega moved to accept the amended plat and use today as day one in the 21 day period for approval. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

16. Review quotes for Brewster County Gazebo Roof Repair / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano gave a brief update on the Brewster County Gazebo Roof Repair. He said we have two bids for the project which are U Construction and Tallent Roofing, Inc. The quotes are \$13,807.29 from U Construction with one year warranty and \$20,530.04 with a three year

warranty from Tallent Roofing, Inc. Josh Bryant from Tallent Roofing gave a brief presentation on the gazebo roof repair. Commissioner Esparza moved to approve Tallent Roofing, Inc. for the quote. Lack of a second. Commissioner Colando moved to accept the bid from U Construction. Judge Cano seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

5. Elections Administrator / Approve revised list of Elections Judges and Alternate Judges for the term September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020 / Discussion and appropriate action

Lora Nussbaum, Elections Administrator, requested approval of a revised list of Elections Judges and Alternate Judges for the term September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as read. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

6. Recognitions & Announcements

Judge Cano announced the county received a couple of checks from the COG. He also announced he is traveling to El Paso tomorrow. Commissioner Colando announced there will be a Memorial for Clem at the Starlight Porch on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. in Terlingua. Commissioner Ortega also announced Marathon is hosting the District Meet for Cross Country on Saturday. He said there will be about 70 to 90 students participating in the Meet. Commissioner Ortega said the Road & Bridge Department did a little cleaning where the students will be running.

7. 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	Grants Reports
by Commissioners	

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, presented the September monthly report. She said she transferred some money from the PILT funds over into Texas Class to make sure the county is not over collateralized on our funds. Treasurer Morton said the sales tax for the year were a little short after she receipted the sales tax in September for the July sales tax allocations but there is still two months to exceed in the budget. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

B. Review & consider Texas County & District Retirement System (TCDRS) Plan Assessment for Plan Year 2020 / Discussion and appropriate action

Treasurer Morton reviewed the Texas County & District Retirement System Plan Assessment for Plan Year 2020. Commissioner Esparza moved to approve the Texas County & District Retirement System Plan Assessment for Plan Year 2020. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Court recessed at 10:34 a.m.

Court reconvened at 10:42 a.m.

C. Other general administrative & procedural matters related to Treasurer's Office / Discussion and appropriate action for work of Treasurer's Office to go forward

Treasurer Morton discussed the Payroll Policy issue on the new Longevity Policy. She voiced her concern on the longevity policy as far as if an employee quits working for the county prior to getting the longevity pay. The employee should not be receiving the pay. Commissioner Ortega moved that to be eligible for longevity pay the employee must be employed at the time of disbursement through December 31 of that year. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

8. Accept grant funds from the Department of Homeland Security Grant Program for the purchase of a generator for the Brewster County Jail / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Ortega moved to accept the grant funds from the Department of Homeland Security Grant Program for the purchase of a generator for the Brewster County Jail. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

9. Reaffirm FY20 Brewster County Application & Resolution for the Texas Indigent Defense Program / Discussion and appropriate action

Treasurer Morton gave a brief update on the FY20 Brewster County Application & Resolution for the Texas Indigent Defense Program. Commissioner Ortega moved to reaffirm FY20 Brewster County Application & Resolution for the Texas Indigent Defense Program. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Judge Cano read the Resolution into record.

10. Brewster County Auditor

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Paty Saenz presented the General Bills. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the bills as presented. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Esparza abstained from Printco and 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

No action.

11. Discuss the Court's agreement for joint employment and compensation of the County Auditor with Presidio County / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano discussed the Court's agreement for joint employment and compensation of the County Auditor with Presidio County. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve with a caveat that if it becomes really difficult and a full-time auditor is needed they will discuss the issue and bring it back to court. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

12. Officials' Monthly Reports

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

13. 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.

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

No action.

14. 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.

15. 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. CASI & Original Terlingua International Championship Chili Cook-offs / Update on Mass Gathering Permits for chili Cook-offs / Discussion and appropriate action

1. Approve Order Granting Permits for CASI / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Order Granting Permits for CASI. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

2. Approve Order Granting Permit for Terlingua International Championship / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Order Granting Permit for Terlingua International Championship. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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

No action.

17. Information on Cyber Security/Information Technology (IT) / Discussion only

Robert Martin gave a brief presentation on Cyber Security/Information Technology.

18. 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

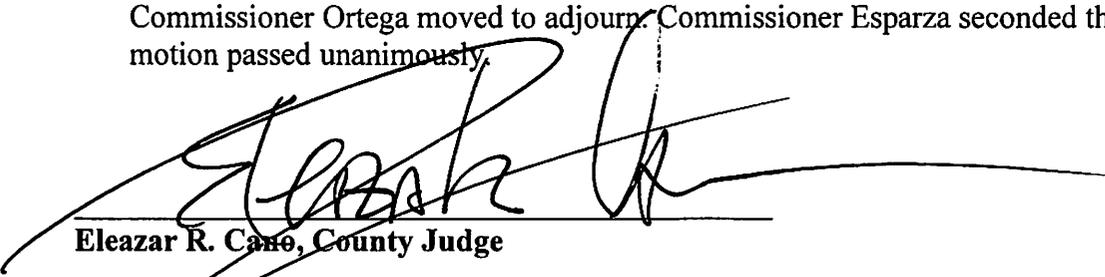
Judge Cano decided to table agenda due to not having the calendar. Commissioner Ortega moved to table agenda item #18 at the next Commissioners Court Meeting. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

19. The Regular Commissioners Court Meeting for October 30th, 2019, has been changed to November 6, 2019, and the Regular Commissioners Court Meeting for November 13th 2019, has been changed to November 20th / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano said the Regular Commissioners Court Meeting for October 30th, 2019 has been changed to November 6, 2019 and the Regular Commissioners Court Meeting for November 13, 2019, has been changed to November 20, 2019. Commissioner Ortega moved to change the meeting from October 30, 2019 to November 6, 2019 and November 13, 2019 to November 20, 2019. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

20. 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