

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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
Betty Jo Rooney	County Tax Assessor/ Collector

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 4, 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

Christina Vidalez from the Texas Division of Emergency Management traveled to Alpine to introduce herself to the court. She said she just started with TDEM in May and is the Regional Disaster Finance Coordinator for Region 4. Ms. Vidalez said her position is to assist the jurisdictions with finances during disasters

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

Commissioner Ortega said they did not have all the information for the plat and requested to be on the agenda at the next meeting.

5. Recognitions & Announcements

A. Memorial Resolution for Mark Scudder / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano recognized Mark Scudder for his dedication to the community.
Commissioner Ortega gave a heartfelt speech about Mark Scudder as far as being very

dedicated to his job as an EMT and as a volunteer firefighter. Judge Cano read the Memorial Resolution for Mark Scudder into record. Commissioner Ortega moved to adopt the Memorial Resolution for Mark Scudder. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

B. Proclamation recognizing October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Brewster County / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano recognized October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Brewster County. Judge Cano read the Proclamation recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Brewster County. Commissioner Ortega moved to adopt October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Brewster County. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

C. Proclamation declaring October 2019 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano read the Proclamation declaring October 2019 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month into record. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve October 2019 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

D. Declare November as Official Home Care and Hospice Month for the State of Texas, approve Proclamation / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano read the Proclamation to declare November 2019 as Official Home Care and Hospice Month for the State of Texas into record. Commissioner Ortega moved to declare November as Official Home Care and Hospice Month for the State of Texas. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

6. 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 payroll report for pay period September 16th – 29th 2019. She said the September monthly report along with the end of the year report will be presented at the next meeting. Treasurer Morton stated the raise will appear on the next pay period which is October 18, 2019.

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. Brewster County Auditor

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Paty Saenz presented the General Bills. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve bills as presented as well as walk-ins. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Ortega abstained from Pinnacle Propane. 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.

8. Officials' Monthly Reports

Raquel Ontiveros 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.

9. 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

Commissioner Ortega gave a brief update on the Road & Bridge Department on behalf of Superintendent Causey.

B. 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 3.1 miles of Calamity Creek to be reverted back to the property owners. Lady Hawkins, one of the property owners, gave a brief update on the situation. She presented a petition requesting to She presented a petition requesting to revert the road to private ownership. Commissioner Pallanez moved to accept the petition as presented and considerate it for the next 20 days until it becomes official for the abandonment process. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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

No action.

10. Community Facilities Report

A. General Report

Judge Cano gave a brief update on the community facilities in Brewster County.

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

No action.

11. 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 a brief update on the Emergency Management Department. She recommended not renewing the burn ban at this time.

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 Colando moved to table the Order Granting Permits for CASI as hearings have not yet been held. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Colando moved to table the Order Granting Permit for Terlingua International Championship as hearings have not yet been held. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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

No action.

12. Marathon Public Library / Approve USDA Communities Facilities Fund Grant Application on behalf of the Marathon Public Library / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Ortega gave a brief update on the Marathon Public Library. Erin Albright, Board of Directors for the Marathon Public Library, requested approval from Brewster County to submit to the USDA Communities Facilities Fund Grant Application on behalf of the Marathon Public Library. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the application on behalf of the Marathon Public Library and grant them permission from behalf of the Commissioners Court to approve the USDA Communities Facilities Fund Grant. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

13. Sunshine House / Reaffirm and approve the County Judge's signature on the Resolution authorizing the County Grant for the Sunshine House to apply for additional funds through the Texas Department of Agriculture Texans feeding Texas: Home Delivered Meal Grant Program / Discussion and appropriate action

Judy Ford, Executive Director at the Sunshine House, gave a report on how much this program has helped with the elderly. She stated that what the court is doing is making a big difference in what the Sunshine House is able to do for the people in Brewster County. Mrs. Ford requested to reaffirm and approve the County's Judge's signature on the Resolution authorizing the County Grant for the Sunshine House to apply for additional funds through the Texas Department of Agriculture Texans feeding Texas: Home Delivered Meal Grant Program. Commissioner Ortega moved to reaffirm and approve the County Judge's signature on the Resolution authorizing the County Grant for the Sunshine House to apply for additional funds through the Texas Department of Agriculture Texans feeding Texas. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

14. Permian Basin Community Centers DBA PermiaCare for Mental Health Services Provider Agreement to Mental Health Deputy Services

A. Review of Proposed Contract

Judge Cano briefly reviewed the Proposed Contract with Permian Basin Community Centers DBA PermiaCare for Mental Health Services Provider Agreement to Mental Health Deputy Services. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve for Judge Cano to sign off on the contract as presented. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion and appropriate action regarding contract

No action.

15. Tax Collection Contracts for other Governmental Entities / Discussion of Tax Collection Agreement Contracts on behalf of Brewster County and other taxing entities throughout the county / Discussion and appropriate action

Treasurer Morton briefly discussed the Tax Collection Agreement Contracts on behalf of Brewster County and other taxing entities throughout the county. Judge Cano also gave a brief discussion and mentioned there will be a 5% increase on the Tax Collection Contracts. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Tax Collection Agreements as presented by the Treasurer and Tax Collector/Assessor. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

16. Contracts for Service with local Non-Profit Entities for FY October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 (Alpine Public Library, Marathon Public Library, Big Bend Library, The Sunshine House, Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend, Inc., Frontier CASA, Inc., The Children's Advocacy Center of the Big Bend, Brewster County Child Welfare Board, Big Bend Amateur Softball Association, Alpine Youth Football League, Alpine Youth Basketball League, and Big Bend Little League) / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano reviewed the contracts for service with local non-profit entities. He stated the entities must sign the contracts before receiving the money. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the contracts for FY 2019 to local non-profit entities until they sign the contract the checks will not be issued. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Treasurer Morton said there is money set aside for three other entities and would like for the court to decide what they want her to do since the money has not been used.

17. Cleaning Contracts for FY October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020 / Contracts for cleaning maintenance services for County Facilities / Approval to renew yearly contracts / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve to the yearly contracts for Abel Galindo from Marathon and Juana Hernandez for South Brewster County. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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

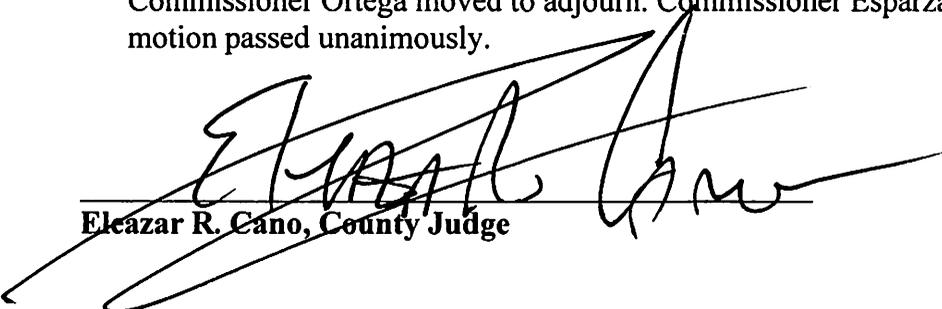
Commissioner Ortega moved to table item 18 for the next meeting. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

19. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on October 16, 2019, at 9:00 A.M.

Judge Cano said the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting will be October 16, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

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