

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019, AT 9:00 A.M.
BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
ALPINE, TEXAS**

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation and Pledge were led by Judge Cano.

2. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve Minutes for November 20, 2019. Commissioner Esparza 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. Recognitions & Announcements

A. Recognize the Brewster County Road & Bridge Crew & Brewster County Maintenance Crew & Brewster County Building Facilities Crew for their outstanding job on decorating our Brewster County Courthouse

Judge Cano recognized the Brewster County Road & Bridge Crew, Brewster County Maintenance Crew & Brewster County Building Facilities Crew for their outstanding job on decorating our Brewster County Courthouse.

Commissioner Colando also announced that the 30th Annual Blackeyed Pea-off will be on New Year's Day, January 1, 2020 at downtown Terlingua Ghost Town. She said it is a fundraiser for Continuing Education Scholarships for Terlingua high school seniors. She said there is a \$5 fee for pea entry, a trophy for 1st place, you can cook on site or off and turning time is 2 p.m. sharp.

Commissioner Pallanez recognized the jail administrator and his employees for their outstanding job at the jail. He said the jail inspector talked very highly on how it has been maintained.

B. Announce Brewster County Employee Luncheon on December 19, 2019, at the American Legion from 11:45 to 1:00 P.M.

Sheriff Dodson announced the Brewster County Employee Luncheon on December 19, 2019, at the American Legion from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. He invited all commissioners to attend.

5. Sheriff's Office / Consider and approve MTS Montgomery Technology Systems, LLC, Intercom System for the Brewster County Jail / Discussion and appropriate action

Sheriff Dodson requested approval on MTS Montgomery Technology Systems, LLC, Intercom Systems for the Brewster County Jail. He said the intercom system must get updated. Montgomery Technology Systems gave them an estimate of \$30,500 and must be fixed by December 27, 2019 or the State will consider the jail deficient and close it down. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the purchase with Montgomery Technology Systems, LLC, Intercom System for the Brewster County Jail, which will be paid out of the Jail Infrastructure Fund. 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 by Commissioners	Grants Reports

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, presented the financial reports for October 2019. Commissioner Esparza moved to approve financial reports as presented by Treasurer Morton. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Ortega suggested to give Treasurer Morton the authority to pay whatever bills need to be paid through the end of the month. Judge Cano gave an update which involves the treasurer. He said they attended a meeting with the Brewster County Tourism Council last week, and he recommended for Treasurer Morton to serve in the board but not as a voting member. He thinks she needs to be more involved due to the budget and the kind of money they generate.

7. Approve 2020 Brewster County Vine Service Agreement / Discussion and appropriate Action

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, gave a presentation on the 2020 Brewster County Vine Service Agreement. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Vine Service Agreement as presented. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

8. Brewster County Auditor

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Paty Saenz presented the General Bills. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve bills and walk-ins as presented. Commissioner Esparza 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.

9. Officials' Monthly Reports

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

10. 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 a report on the Road & Bridge Department.

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

No action.

11. Community Facilities Report

A. General Report

Judge Cano gave a brief 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.

12. 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. Request that Countywide Burn Ban be reinstated / Discussion and appropriate action

Stephanie Elmore requested that the Countywide Burn Ban be reinstated for a period of 45 days. Commissioner Ortega moved to reinstate the Countywide Burn Ban. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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

No action.

13. Elections / Request to approve Joint Primary Resolution for 2020 Joint Primary Elections / Discussion and appropriate action

Lora Nussbaum, Elections Administrator, requested to approve Joint Primary Resolution for 2020 Joint Primary Elections. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve Joint Primary

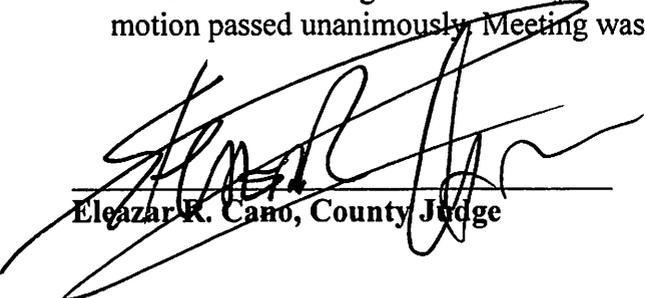
Resolution as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

14. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on January 8, 2020 at 9:30 A.M.

Judge Cano said the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting will be January 8, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

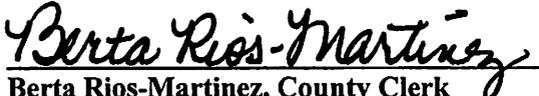
15. Adjourn

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 10:56 A.M.



Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk