

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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
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 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 6, 2019 as presented.
Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.
Commissioner Ortega moved to approve Minutes for November 18, 2019. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.
Commissioner Colando moved to approve Minutes from Tuesday, November 12, 2019.
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. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

Repeated

6. Recognitions & Announcements

Commissioner Ortega announced his most sincere condolences to Marshall McLean on the passing of his wife and would like to send him a letter from the court.
Judge Cano announced Kathy Natera's resignation. He said she will be leaving in two weeks.

Judge Cano also announced the Artwalk will be this Friday and Saturday.

7. Delinquent Property and Delinquent Fine & Fees Tax Collections / Presentation by Tax Collection Law Firms

A. Linebarger, Goggans, Blair & Sampson, LLP

Daniel Alvidrez with Linebarger, Goggans, Blair & Sampson, LLP, gave a presentation on delinquent property and delinquent fine & fees tax collections.

B. Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP

Danny Barrett and Lori Wilmarth with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLP, both gave a presentation on delinquent property and delinquent fine & fees tax collections.

8. Delinquent Property and Delinquent Fine & Fees Tax Collections / Discuss and take action to employ Law Firm for Delinquent Property and Delinquent Fine & Fees Tax Collections / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano and commissioners decided to move forward on the decision. Commissioner Ortega moved to hire Linebarger, Goggans, Blair & Sampson, LLP to represent Brewster County for Fines, Fees Tax Collection and Delinquent Taxes at this time. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Court recessed at 10:20 a.m.

Court reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

9. Brewster County Tourism

A. 2019 Annual Visit Big Bend Report / Information only

Robert Alvarez, Executive Director from Brewster County Tourism Council, gave a report on the 2019 activities of Visit Big Bend.

B. Update on new website policy regarding properties delinquent in hotel occupancy Taxes / Information only

Robert Alvarez gave an update on the new website policy regarding properties delinquent in hotel occupancy taxes. He said any hotels who are delinquent in hotel occupancy taxes will be removed immediately from the website. And as soon as they are current then he will add them back.

10. Presentation by US 67 Study Team, on update to TxDOT US 67 Corridor Master Plan for which a DRAFT of the plan is now available online for public comment until December 9th, 2019

Vicky Carrasco, US 67 Study Team, gave an update on the TxDOT US 67 Corridor Master Plan for which a DRAFT of the plan is now available online for public comment until December 9, 2019.

11. 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, said she will present the financial reports at the next meeting.

B. U.S. Fixed Income Trust Investment Pools / Introductions & Presentation by Ken Couch, Director of Water Walker Investments / Discussion only

Ken Couch, Director of Water Walker Investments, gave a presentation on U.S. Fixed Income Trust Investment Pools.

B. 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 said that because of the upcoming holiday next week they have decided to disburse payroll on Tuesday. She said she communicated with all the offices to turn in all timesheets on Friday or Monday at 9:00 a.m.

12. Brewster County Auditor

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

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

Patty Roach, County Auditor, said she needs to get updated on the computer system to do some research that is necessary for the Net Data audit.

13. Officials' Monthly Reports

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

14. 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.

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

No action.

15. Community Facilities Report

A. General Report

Judge Cano gave a brief report on the Community Facilities.

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

No action.

16. 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

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. She said that reinstating the burn ban will be presented for consideration at the next meeting of Commissioners Court.

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

No action.

17. Consider and act upon subdivision plat (Replat for Lajitas Lakeside Cottages)/ Discussion and appropriate action

A. Executive Session Pursuant to § 551.071, Government Code, VTCA, Consultation on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the government body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter (Privileged Matters), Subdivision Plat of Lajitas Lakeside Cottages

Court reconvened in Open Session at 12:43 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

B. Discussion and appropriate action resulting from Executive Session

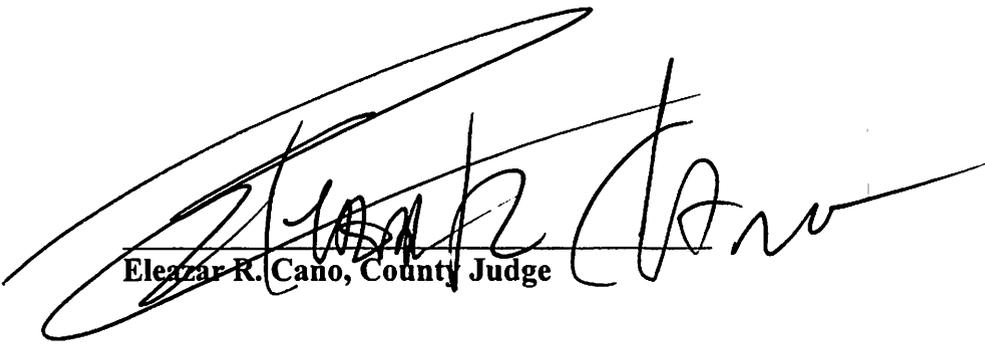
Commissioner Colando moved to accept the amended subdivision plat of the Lajitas Lakeside Cottages dated October 14, 2019 as indicated by surveyor which will be signed as far as a certificate of approval by Commissioners Court on this 20th day of November 2019. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

18. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on December 11, 2019, at 9:00 A.M.

Judge Cano said the next Regular Commissioners Court meeting will be December 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

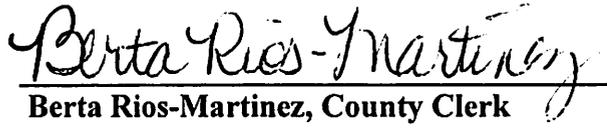
19. Adjourn

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



Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk