

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT  
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020 AT 11:00 A.M.  
BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM  
ALPINE, TEXAS**

**Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m., the following Elected Officials were present:**

<b>Eleazar R. Cano</b>	<b>County Judge</b>
<b>Betse Esparza</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. 1</b>
<b>Sara Allen Colando</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. 2</b>
<b>Ruben Ortega</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. 3</b>
<b>Mike “Coach” Pallanez</b>	<b>Commissioner Pct. 4</b>
<b>Berta Rios-Martinez</b>	<b>County Clerk</b>

**1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Invocation and Pledge were led by Judge Cano.

**2. 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**

The following people of our community voiced their concerns on their businesses during the COVID-19 situation. Carol Petterson- Gage Hotel, Joe Torres- Magoo’s Restaurant, John Price- General Manager of Lajitas Golf Resort, Mayor Andy Ramos- City of Alpine, Irma Campbell- owner of McDonald’s, Robert Alvarez- Executive Director of the Brewster County Tourism Council & Visit Big Bend, Monica Quiroga- Old Gringo Coffee & Cocktails, Chris Ruggia- Director of Tourism for the City of Alpine, John Waters- Publisher of the Big Bend Gazette; sent a text message to Judge Cano about his concerns. Greg Hennington- Far Flung Outdoors, called Judge Cano via-phone. Nate Gold- Superintendent of the Big Bend Ranch State Park, called Judge Cano via-phone.

Court recessed at 12:22 p.m.

Court reconvened at 12:41 p.m.

Katherine MeganWilde, Alpine resident, called Judge Cano via-phone to expand the Declaration. Judge Cano read Tara Palaskey’s email to the court and a couple of others as well.

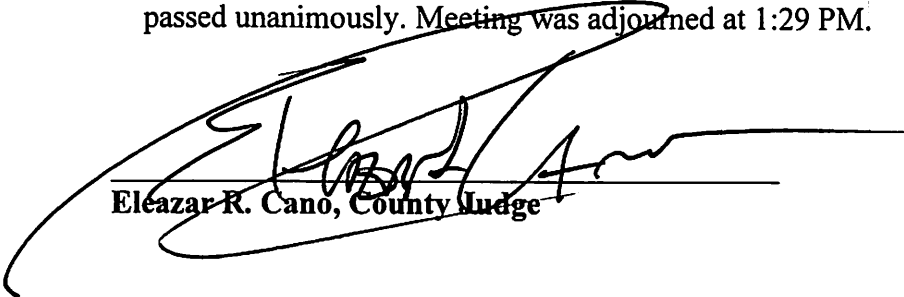
**3. Review & Amend Declaration as needed / Discussion and appropriate action**

Judge Cano and Commissioners reviewed the Amended Declaration he issued. Eric Zimmerman, City Manager of Alpine, gave an update on the COVID-19 situation. Sheriff Dodson also gave an update on the COVID-19 situation.

Commissioner Esparza moved to amend the Declaration and include recommendations made by the governor. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

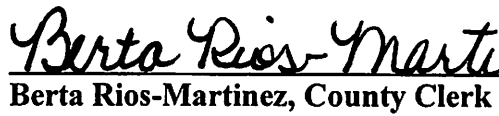
**4. Adjourn**

Commissioner Esparza moved to adjourn. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 1:29 PM.



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Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



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Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk