

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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 Pallanez moved to approve Minutes for August 21, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and Action to Adopt the Proposed 2019 Tax Rate as set out below:

Maintenance & Operation	0.358883
<u>Interest & Sinking</u>	<u>0.029714</u>
Total Rate Proposed	0.388597

Judge Cano reviewed the Proposed 2019 Tax Rate. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve Maintenance & Operations for the Proposed 2019 Tax Rate of 0.358883. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve Interest & Sinking for the Proposed 2019 Tax Rate of 0.029714. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Esparza moved to approve the Total Tax Rate Proposed of 0.388597 with the combination of the Maintenance & Operation and Interest & Sinking. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

5. Recognitions & Announcements

Judge Cano announced that three of the commissioners attended the Far West Texas

Conference in South County last week. He also mentioned he was in Austin attending a COG meeting. Commissioner Colando announced there is still a boil water notice in effect for customers of the Study Butte Water Supply Corporation. She said they should get the test results tomorrow to lift the notice as soon as possible. Commissioner Colando said it only affects customers south of Marguerite's Quilt Shop in Study Butte.

6. Lajitas Lakeside Cottages / Revisit Platt Approval from Aril 11, 2005 and retabled on 8/21/2019 / Discussion and appropriate action

No action.

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

The following citizens of Brewster County voiced their concern on the Resolution Declaring Brewster County a Second Amendment Sanctuary:

Joel Nelson, Alec Knight, J. R. Smith, Walt Pyle, Rick Keith, Wendel Elliott, Michael McDaniel and Dr. Robert Hunter.

16. Resolution Declaring Brewster County A Second Amendment Sanctuary / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano and the Commissioners gave feedback on the Resolution Declaring Brewster County A Second Amendment Sanctuary. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Resolution Declaring Brewster County A Second Amendment Sanctuary. Judge Cano seconded the motion; motion failed 3-2. Commissioner Esparza, Commissioner Colando and Commissioner Pallanez opposed.

Court recessed at 10:29 a.m.

Court reconvened at 10:37 a.m.

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 by Commissioners	Grants Reports

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, said she was out last week for the Fall treasurer's conference and is still trying to catch up on her work. She said she will present her monthly reports at the next meeting.

B. Review and approve revised County Investment Policy / Discussion and appropriate action

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, reviewed the County Investment Policy and requested approval of a revised County Investment Policy. She said the only change in the County Investment Policy is 12 months to 24 months in the liquidity and maturity part of the policy. She said there is no penalty and it will give her some flexibility with the change. Commissioner Esparza moved to approve the revised County Investment Policy as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Judge Cano read the Investment Policy Resolution into record.

C. Review and add Financial Northeastern Companies (FNC) as an approved Investment Broker / Discussion and appropriate action

Treasurer Morton reviewed and requested approval to add Financial Northeastern Companies as an Investment Broker. She said she has done some research and believes they have the best connection to the market place as far as shopping and finding deals for the county. Commissioner Ortega moved to add Financial Northeastern Companies as an Investment Broker. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Judge Cano read the Resolution into record.

D. Resolution authorizing participation in the U.S. Fixed Income Trust Investment Pools, submitted by the County Treasurer / Discussion and appropriate action

Morton Treasurer presented a Resolution authorizing participation in the U.S. Fixed Income Trust Investment Pools. Commissioner Ortega moved to authorize Brewster County to participate with U.S. Fixed Income Trust Investment Pool as another alternate pool account. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Judge Cano read the Resolution into record.

E. 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 once the 2019 fiscal year is over she will schedule an Investment workshop for the county.

8. Brewster County Auditor**A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action**

Paty Saenz presented the General Bills. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve bills as presented. Commissioner Pallanez 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

No action.

9. Officials' Monthly Reports

Raquel Ontiveros 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.

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 an update on the Road & Bridge Department.

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 County Road 3.1 miles of Calamity Creek to be reverted back to the property owners.

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

No action.

13. Tax Assessor Collector / Approve Interlocal Agreement between Texas Department of Motor Vehicles and Brewster County in the administration of motor vehicle titles and registrations / Discussion and appropriate action

Betty Jo Rooney requested approval of the Interlocal Agreement between Texas Department of Motor Vehicles and Brewster County in the administration of motor vehicle titles and registrations. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement as presented. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

14. 2020 Brewster County Commissioner Court Meeting Schedule / Discussion and appropriate action to set meeting schedule for 2020

Judge Cano said they will go with the schedule they have until December. He said they will do a new schedule in January.

15. Roof Replacement and Repair on three (3) buildings located in Brewster County tabled on September 4, 2019 / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano gave an update on the Roof Replacement and repair on three buildings located in Brewster County. He said he decided to remove the gazebo from the bid because it was too

expensive with Monroe Roofing. He said Monroe Roofing sent him a revised bid for the annex building and the Road & Bridge building. Judge Cano said he would like for a structural engineer to come and look at the roof on the buildings. Judge Cano would like to advertise for two weeks to get quotes on the gazebo. Commissioner Ortega moved to advertise to get quotes on the gazebo until October 15, 2019. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

17. Holiday Schedule for 2020 / Discussion and appropriate action to adopt Holiday Schedule

Commissioner Ortega moved to adopt the 2020 Holiday schedule as presented. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

18. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on October 2, 2019, (depending on the outcome of number 14)

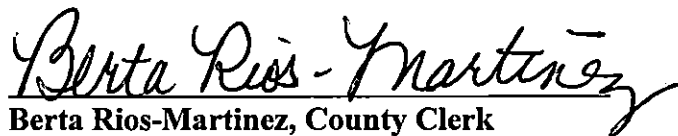
Judge Cano said the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting will be October 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

19. Adjourn

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


Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:


Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk