

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2020 AT 9:30 A.M.
BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
201 W AVE E
ALPINE, TEXAS**

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m., the following Elected Officials were present:

Eleazar R. Cano	County Judge
Esther Howard	Commissioner Pct. 1
Sara Allen Colando	Commissioner Pct. 2
Ruben Ortega	Commissioner Pct. 3
Mike "Coach" Pallanez	Commissioner Pct. 4
Berta Rios-Martinez	County Clerk

In accordance with section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, Governor Abbott has suspended various provisions that require government officials and members of the public to be physically present at a specified meeting location. As a result, all or some government officials may participate via Zoom.

Additionally, members of the public are encouraged to watch the meetings live online, at the www.brewstercountytexas.com or [Brewster County, Texas \(County's facebook page\)](#). Members of the public are also encouraged to participate in public comment by calling telephone number 432-538-2028. This temporary suspension will leave important Open Meetings Act (Section 551.043, Texas Government Code) protections in place:

AGENDA

1. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation and Pledge were led by Judge Cano.

2. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

September 23, 2020 minutes were presented. Commissioner Pallanez moved to approve September 23, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Howard 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 comments.

4. Update on Coronavirus (COVID-19) by Brewster County Judge, Eleazar R. Cano & Stephanie Elmore, Emergency Management Coordinator / Discussion and appropriate action

Stephanie Elmore, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported an update on Coronavirus (COVID-19). Testing site will be set up October 29 at the Fire Station, 102 S. 2nd St., Alpine, from 9 AM to 4 PM. It will be walk up testing with no charge. Must bring current ID.

5. Recognitions & Announcements

Judge Cano announced the passing of Treva Watson, recognizing her past employment and amazing career with Brewster County as the County Auditor. Judge Cano also announced that the current County Auditor, Patty Roach, recently lost her mother.

6. 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 reported an 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.

7. Community Facilities Report

A. General Report

Judge Cano reported 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.

9. 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

No reports presented.

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

No action.

10. 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

No reports presented.

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.

11. Agreement for Services / Approve agreements with Big Bend Chamber of Commerce and Marathon Chamber of Commerce for Tourism Promotion Services / Discussion and appropriate action

Sandy Price, President of the Big Bend Chamber of Commerce, presented an update of the Chamber's activities and future plans to promote tourism. Linda Beranek, President of the Marathon Chamber of Commerce, presented an update of the Chamber's activities and future plans to promote tourism. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve agreements with Big Bend

Chamber of Commerce and Marathon Chamber of Commerce for Tourism Promotion Services. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

12. Declare items as Salvage & Surplus Property in accordance with Section 263.152 of the Texas Local Government Code by competitive bid or auction / Discussion and appropriate action

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, presented a list of items as Salvage & Surplus Property in accordance with Section 263.152 of the Texas Local Government Code. Commissioner Ortega moved to declare the items as Salvage & Surplus Property in accordance with Section 263.152 of the Texas Local Government Code by competitive bid or auction. Commissioner Howard seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

13. Brewster County Auditor

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Assistant Auditor, Paty Saenz presented on behalf of Patty Roach, County Auditor, the general bills. Commissioner Howard moved to approve the general bills as presented. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

B. Financial Reports / Updates, discussion, review and appropriate action concerning the following:

Budget Amendments	Line Item Transfers
Other Financial Reports as Requested by Commissioners	

Assistant Auditor, Paty Saenz presented on behalf of Patty Roach, County Auditor, several Line Item Transfers. Commissioner Pallanez moved to approve line item transfers as presented. Commissioner Howard seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

C. 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.

14. Officials' Monthly Reports

Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk, presented the Officials' Monthly Reports. Commissioner Pallanez moved to approve the Officials' Monthly Reports. Commissioner Howard seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

15. Update / Retainer Agreement with Law Firm Big Bend Law, Rod Ponton, Attorneys At Law in re Cause No. CVB20433; Marcia Ann Sykes and the Estate of Marcia An Sykes and all Unknown Heirs, Devisees, and Assigns of Marcia Ann Sykes; Phillip Joseph Smith; Dymphna Lorraine DeLaRosa / Discussion and appropriate action


Commissioner Howard presented on behalf of Rod Ponton an update via letter addressed to Judge Cano.

16. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on November 4, 2020, at 9:30 A.M.

Judge Cano announced the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting will be held November 4, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.

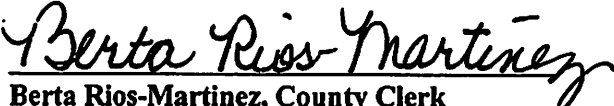
17. Adjourn

Commissioner Pallanez moved to adjourn. Commissioner Howard seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



Eleazar Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk