

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021 AT 9:30 A.M.  
BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM  
201 WAVE E  
ALPINE, TEXAS**

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 9:32 am, the following Elected Officials were present:

Eleazar R. Cano	County Judge
Jim Westermann	Commissioner Pct. 1
Sara Allen Colando	Commissioner Pct. 2
Ruben Ortega	Commissioner Pct. 3
Mike "Coach" Pallanez	Commissioner Pct. 4

Renee Wylie, Chief Deputy of the County Clerk, present on behalf of Sarah Vasquez, 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.brewstercountvtx.com](http://www.brewstercountvtx.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.

**3. Consideration to approve Resolution in support of Representative Morales' House Bill 2336 to move Sul Ross State University from Texas State System to Texas A&M System / Discussion and appropriate action**

Senator Roland Gutierrez, Texas Senator District 19, and Representative Eddie Morales, Jr., House District 74, presented statistical facts of Sul Ross's enrollment history for the past 30 years and the benefits to move Sul Ross State University to Texas A&M System.

**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**

Randy Jackson made a public comment in opposition.

Hugh Garrett made a public comment in opposition.

Dale Christopherson made a public comment in opposition.

Avinash Rangra made a public comment in agreement.  
Liz Rogers made a public comment in opposition.  
Dr. Mary Ann Weinacht made a public comment in opposition by text to Judge Cano.  
Carol Peterson made a public comment via phone call to Judge Cano in agreement.  
Mitchell Foster made a public comment via text to Judge Cano in agreement.  
Elizabeth Mayfield Jackson made a public comment via Facebook and phone call to Judge Cano in agreement.  
Jenny Tavares, Alumni Board at Sul Ross State University, made a public comment via phone call to Judge Cano to remain neutral.  
George Johnson made a public comment via phone call to Judge Cano in agreement.  
Greg Henington made a public comment via phone call to Judge Cano in agreement.  
Joan Johnson made a public comment via text to Judge Cano in agreement.  
Cynthia Salas made a public comment via phone call to Judge Cano in opposition.  
Mimi Webb Miller and Rena Gallego asked Commissioner Colando to vote no.

Court recessed at 11:21 AM.  
Court convened at 11:33 AM.

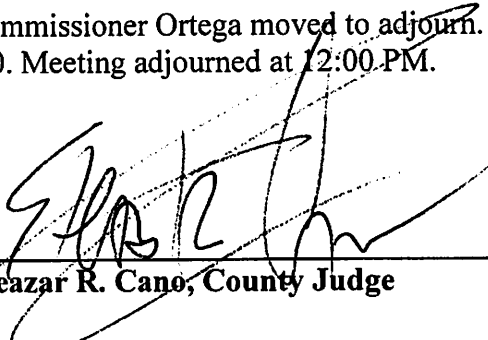
### **Agenda Item #3: Discussion and appropriate action**

Judge Cano moved to consider the approval the resolution with edits as Pete Gallego to remain as President of Sul Ross State University if the system should switch over to Texas A&M and Pete Gallego be reevaluated with substantial time by the Texas A&M system. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion.

Judge Cano moves to approve the resolution as read. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; Commission Ortega and Commissioner Pallanez oppose; Commissioner Colando abstains. Vote stands as 2-2.

### **4. Adjourn**

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.



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Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



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Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk