

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021 AT 9:30 A.M.
BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
201 W AVE E
ALPINE, TEXAS**

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m., 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
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 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

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the April 14, 2021, minutes. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

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 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, presented an update on Coronavirus (COVID-19). A mass vaccination clinic will be held in Presidio on April 29, 2021. One public testing clinic will be held within a month, time and date to be announced.

5. 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, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented General Reports. Elmore presented a Burn Ban for Brewster County. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Burn Ban as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

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

No action.

6. Recognitions & Announcements / Recognize Judy Stokes for her dedicated service as Executive Assistant for the Sheriff's Office; Judy retires April 30, 2021

Judge Cano and Sheriff Ronny Dodson announced Judy Stokes' retirement on April 30, 2021. Sheriff Dodson recognized Judy Stokes for her many years of county service.

7. Brewster County Sheriff's Office

A. Approve contracting with AG Oilfield Services Inc. to build a fence around the Impound Yard at the Brewster County Sunny Glen Cooperative Building located at 2209 W. Hwy. 90 / Discussion and appropriate action

Sheriff Ronny Dodson presented a contract with AG Oilfield Services Inc. to build a fence around the Impound Yard at the Brewster County Sunny Glen Cooperative Building. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the contract with AG Oilfield Services as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

B. Request and approve SWB West Texas FY 2021 HIDTA Position, Narcotic Investigator / Discussion and appropriate action

Sheriff Ronny Dodson presented the new SWB West Texas FY 2021 HDTA Position, Narcotic Investigator. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the new SWB West Texas FY 2021 HDTA Position, Narcotic Investigator. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

8. 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 for the Road and Bridge Department.

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

No action.

17. Contribution/Sponsorship from Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, to help for the Clean Up Day Project held on April 10, 2021 / Discussion and appropriate action

A. Accept \$250.00 donation for clean-up day on April 10, 2021 from Carmen I. Perez, Lead/Partner West Texas Attorney in the El Paso office for Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP

B. Accept \$500.00 donation for clean-up day on April 10, 2021 from the Main Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, Austin Office

C. Accept \$250.00 donation for clean-up day on April 10, 2021 from Mark A.

Flowers, Managing Partner in the Odessa office for Linebarger Goggin Blair & Sampson, LLP

D. Accept \$750.00 donation for clean-up day on April 10, 2021 from Francisco Castillo

Commissioner Oretga moved to accept all donations of Agenda Item 17 A, B, C and D. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

9. Community Facilities Report

A. General Report

Judge Cano presented the Community Facilities Report on behalf of Johnny Valencia.

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

No action.

10. Brewster County Tourism

**A. Report from Robert Alvarez, Executive Director:
General update, travel shows, marketing, finances, visitation status, project reports;
personnel issues, (vacancies, new hires and performance)**

Robert Alvarez, Executive Director of Brewster County Tourism, presented a general update report.

B. Discussion and appropriate action for general work of Brewster County Tourism to go forward

No action.

11. Treasurer's Office

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

**Combined Statement of Revenues & Expenses
Check Register
Personnel/Overtime Reports
Other Financial Report as Requested by
Commissioners**

**Payroll Reports
Receipt File Listings
Cash Reports
Grants Reports**

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Monthly Report for March 2021. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the Treasurer's Monthly Report. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. Judge Cano stepped out.

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, presented the FY Quarterly Investment Report. Judge Cano moved to approve the Quarterly Investment Report. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

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.

12. Consider Secondary Depository for County and Terlingua CSD funds / Discussion and appropriate action

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, and Reagan Reed, Superintendent of Terlingua CSD, requested approval for a secondary depository to accommodate the financial needs of Terlingua CSD. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Secondary Depository. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

13. Brewster County Auditor

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Patty Roach, County Auditor, presented the general bills and walk-ins. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the general bills as presented, including walk-ins. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Ortega abstained from Pinnacle Propane.

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

<p>Budget Amendments Other Financial Reports as Requested by Commissioners</p>	<p>Line Item Transfers</p>
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Patty Roach, County Auditor, presented the Line Item Transfers. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the line item transfers with the Account numbers corrected, as noted by the Auditor. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

C. Discussion and appropriate action to increase County Clerk's petty cash fund by \$100 in accordance with LGC 130.909 (d)

Patty Roach, County Auditor, requested approval to increase the County Clerk's petty cash fund by \$100.00. Commissioner Pallanez moved to approve the increase as requested. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**D. 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.

Court recessed at 11:23 a.m.

Court reconvened at 11:36 a.m.

14. Officials' Monthly Reports

Commissioner Colando read the Officials' Monthly Report. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Officials' Monthly Report. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

15. Big Bend Regional Hospital District / Presentation & Update on Hospital District Initiatives by J.D. Newsom, Executive Director

J.D. Newsom, Executive Director of Big Bend Regional Hospital District, presented an update on Hospital District Initiatives.

16. 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 Ann Sykes and all Unknown Heirs, Devisees, and Assigns of Marcia Ann Sykes; Phillip Joseph Smith; Dymphna Lorraine DeLaRosa / Discussion and appropriate Action

No update or action due to the absence of Mr. Rod Ponton.

18. Brewster County Historical Commission / Appointment of Board Members

1. Executive Session Pursuant to Section S 551.074, Government Code, VTCA, to discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, compensation, or dismissal of a public officer or employee

Executive Session at 11:57 a.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

Reconvened Open Session at 12:17 a.m.

2. Discussion and appropriate action resulting from Executive Session

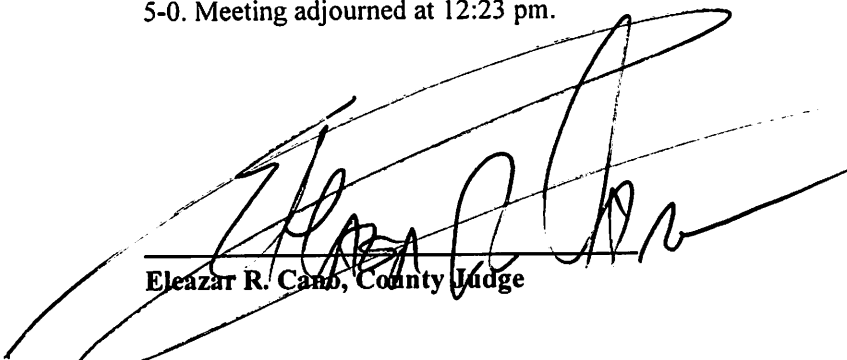
Judge Cano read the list of proposed members for consideration for Brewster County Historical Commission. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the list as read. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

19. Schedule the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on May 12, 2021, at 9:30 A.M.

Judge Cano announced the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on May 12, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.

20. Adjourn

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:23 pm.



Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



Renee Wylie, Deputy Clerk