

**PUBLIC NOTICE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 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 9:37 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

Kawana Bourbon, Deputy Clerk, was present on behalf of Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk, who was absent due to Jury Duty.

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 Pallanez moved to approve the minutes of May 12, 2021 and May 26, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Westermann 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. 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 & Updates on Coronavirus (COVID-19) / Discussion and appropriate action

Stephanie Elmore, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented an update on Coronavirus (COVID-19) and General Reports.

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

No action.

5. Recognitions & Announcements

A. Memorial Resolution for James Travis Roberts, Jr. / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano presented a Memorial Resolution for James Travis Roberts Jr. Commissioners Court shared their memories of Mr. Roberts, and extended their sincere condolences to his family. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Memorial Resolution for James Travis Roberts, Jr. as read. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

B. Announce Trans Pecos Bank Lawn Gathering, Brewster County Courthouse Lawn, July 2, 2021, 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., Open to the Public

Judge Cano announced the Trans Pecos Bank Lawn Gathering at the Brewster County Courthouse Lawn on July 2, 2021 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

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 \$. 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.

7. Community Facilities Report

A. General Report

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

B. Discuss and approve purchase of HVAC Unit in the Brewster County Sunny Glen Cooperative Building / Discussion and appropriate action

Patty Roach, County Auditor, presented a bid from TW Heat & Air for HVAC Unit. Commissioner Colando moved to table the agenda item. Commissioner Pallenz seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

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

No action.

8. Treasurer's Office

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

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| 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.

B. Accept donations made in Memory of James Travis Roberts Jr. to the Brewster County Historical Commission in the total amount of \$1,300.00 / Discussion and appropriate action

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, presented donations made in Memory of James Travis Roberts Jr to the Brewster County Historical Commission in the total amount of \$1,200.00. Commissioner Pallanez moved to accept the donations of \$1,200.00. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Westermann moved to rescind the previous motion to accept the donations of \$1,200.00. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Ortega moved to accept the total donations of \$1,300.00. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

C. Accept Donation from the Friends of the Post for Post Park Special Projects in the amount of \$4,010.20 / Discussion and appropriate action

Commissioner Ortega presented the history of Friends of the Post for Post Park Special Projects. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Friends of the Post for Post Park Special Projects of \$4,010.20. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

D. 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.

9. Texas Association of Counties / Presentation by Mindy Seahorn, MetLife Insurance

A. TAC HEBP Health Plan renewal October 2021 / Discussion and appropriate action

Mindy Seahorn, MetLife Insurance, presented the TAC HEBP Health Plan. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the same plan with updated rates as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

B. TAC Healthy County: County Specific Incentive Program / Discussion and appropriate action

Ms. Seahorn presented the TAC Healthy County: County Specific Incentive Program. Commissioner Pallanez moved to approve the same plan for the County Specific Incentive Program. Judge Cano seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Court recessed at 11:35 AM.

Court reconvened at 11:46 AM

10. 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 exclusion as . Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Ortega abstained from Pinnacle Propane. Commissioner Colando abstained from All Energies. Commissioner Westermann abstained from A Sign of Recognition.

B. Financial Reports / Updates, discussion, review and appropriate action concerning the following:
Budget Amendments **Line Item Transfers**
Other Financial Reports as Requested by Commissioners

Ms. Roach presented the Budget Amendments. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Roach presented the Line Item Transfers. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the line item transfers. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

C. FY2022 Budget Calendar / Update

Patty Roach, County Auditor, presented the FY2022 Budget Calendar Timeline. During the Commissioner Court Meeting on July 14, 2021, Budget Workshop for certain departments will be held. A Special Commissioners Court Meeting on July 21, 2021, will be held for the remaining departments for Budget Workshops. On July 28, 2021, Commissioners will know if raises are possible. On August 11, 2021, file the proposed budget with the County Clerk. The first hearing will be held after 25 days of the filing.

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.

11. Officials' Monthly Reports

No report.

12. 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

13. 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

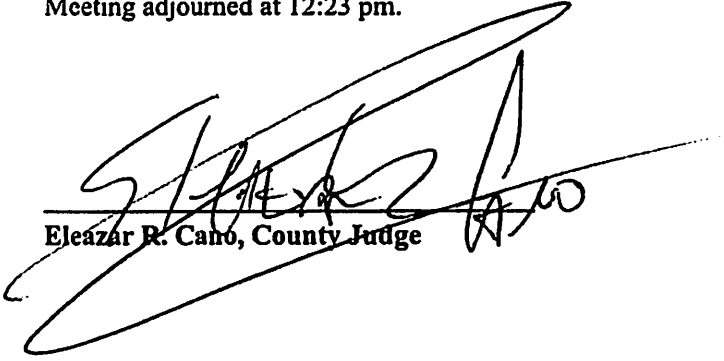
Judge Cano presented an update on the CVB20433; Marcia Ann Sykes and the Estate of Marcia Ann Sykes and all Unknown Heirs, Devisees, and Assigns of Marcia Ann Sykes; Phillip Joseph Smith; Dymphna Lorraine DeLaRosa on behalf of Rod Ponton, Attorneys At Law. There is no change in the case.

14. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on July 14, 2021, at 9:30 A.M.

Judge Cano announced the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on July 14, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.

15. Adjourn

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



A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eleazar R. Cano', is written over a horizontal line.

Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Vasquez', is written above a horizontal line.

Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk