

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9th, 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 9:36 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

Renee Wylie, Chief Deputy Clerk, was present on behalf of Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk, who was absent due to continuing education training.

**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](http://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**

No minutes.

**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).

## **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**

EMC Elmore presented General Reports and requested a Burn Ban for Brewster County. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the Burn Ban as presented. Commissioner Pallanez 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**

Commissioner Ortega announced the passing of Joel Ybarra's mother, and Travis Roberts, Chair of the Brewster County Historical Commission. Commissioner Ortega announced the State Conference on October 11, 2021 in Round Rock, Texas. Commissioner Pallanez announced that a black bear has been seen in the North Double Diamond area and urged all residents to exercise caution.

## **7. TAC/ Risk Management Pool**

### **A. Presentation by Victor Uvalle on the risk management pool safety equipment program**

Victor Uvalle, Texas Association of Counties, presented the risk management pool safety equipment program.

### **B. Discuss optional risk control services for the county by TAC Risk Management pool to discuss and appropriate action.**

No action.

## **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

Commissioner Ortega reported an update on behalf of Superintendent Causey 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.

**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. 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**

**Grants Reports**

**Commissioners**

No reports.

**B. Other general administrative & procedural matters related to Treasurer's Office / Discussion and appropriate action for work of Treasurer's Office to go forward**

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, asked the Court to consider an RFP Grant Administrator for the American Rescue Plan project.

**11. Brewster County Auditor**

**A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action**

Paty Saenz, Assistant Auditor, presented on behalf of Patty Roach, County Auditor, 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:**  
**Budget Amendments** **Line Item Transfers**  
**Other Financial Reports as Requested by Commissioners**

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

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

**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.

**12. Officials' Monthly Reports**

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

**13. Big Bend Telephone Company contract proposal**

**A. Discuss and review contract with Big Bend Telephone Company / Discussion and appropriate action.**

Tucker Gandy, Big Bend Telephone Company Sales Representative, presented the new contract with Big Bend Telephone Company. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the contract as proposed. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. Judge Cano had stepped out but rejoined the meeting after the vote.

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

Rod Ponton, Attorney At Law, presented an update on 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.

**14. 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**

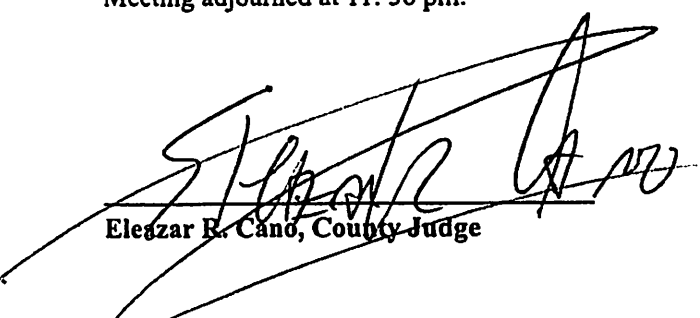
No action.

**16. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on June 23, 2021, at 9:30 A.M.**

Judge Cano announced the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on June 23, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.

**17. Adjourn**

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11: 36 pm.



Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk