

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
TUESDAY JANUARY 11, 2022 AT 9:30 A.M.
BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
201 W AVE E
ALPINE, TEXAS**

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 9:35 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

Members of the public who are not able to participate in person, 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. Commissioner Westermann led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

2. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the minutes from December 14, 2021. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Westermann moved to approve the minutes from December 28, 2021. Commissioner Colando 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.

Commissioner Pallanez commented that there was a good dialogue at the Study Butte meeting between public and tourism council, and he commended the civility of the exchange.

4. Recognitions & Announcements

A. Happy 2022, First Commissioners Court meeting of the Year

Judge Cano announced the first meeting of the new year.

B. Special Meeting of the Brewster County Commissioners Court - Marathon Community Center January 18, 2022

Judge Cano announced the next Special Meeting on January 18, 2022, at the Marathon Community Center in Marathon, Texas.

Commissioner Colando recognized the passing of Paul Duffy, also known as Pablo Menudo. She also announced that Terlingua CSD has broken ground on the construction of a new multipurpose building. Finally, the commissioner announced she is out of rapid Covid test kits and will let the public know when she has restocked.

5. Emergency Management Department-

A. General Report including:

Recent emergency responses; emergency planning update; recent work with cooperating emergency responders: (ESD #1, all VFDs 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 Grant & Updates on Coronavirus (COVID-19) / Discussion and appropriate action

Stephanie Elmore, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported an update on Coronavirus, COVID-19. Local statistics up to date as of January 11, 2022: 18 active cases, 7 hospitalizations, and 24 fatalities. Test kits are running out and a shortage will affect how many come in.

EMC Elmore presented a general update for the Emergency Management Department.

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 Frenchie Causey presented the Road & Bridge Department's general report.

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

Commissioner Colando addressed questions about updating the list of public roads on the website.

7. Community Facilities Report /General Report

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

8. 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.

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

9. Brewster County Auditor

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Patty Roach, County Auditor, presented the general bills. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the general bills as presented. 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	

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

Auditor Roach presented Line Item Transfers. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Line Item Transfers as presented. Commissioner Westermann 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

10. American Rescue Plan

A. Presentation by Lillie Alonzo with GrantWorks Inc on ARP Funds / Discussion only

Lillie Alonzo, Project Manager with GrantWorks Inc, gave a presentation on the ARP Funds.

B. Discuss and consider creating ARP committee for the prioritization and spending of the County's ARP funds / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano announced that a meeting will be held Tuesday, January 18, 2022, and the committee will consist of Judge Cano, Treasurer Julie Morton, Auditor Patty Roach, Commissioner Ortega, and Joselyn Fenstermacher. Brent Charlesworth and Lillie Alonzo will be joining the meeting.

11. Salary Grievance Committee / Select 2022 Citizen Members / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano and Commissioners selected the following members of the public at random to serve on the Salary Grievance Committee: Justin Guy Cross, Dale Christopherson, and Fabiola Krueger.

12. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent/ Quarterly Report/ Discussion Only


Luke Hendryx, Extension Agent, presented a quarterly report.

13. Scheduled Special Commissioners Court Meeting on January 18, 2022 at 9:30 A.M.

Judge Cano announced the next Special Commissioners Court Meeting on January 18, 2022, at 9:30 A.M. at the Marathon Community Center in Marathon, Texas.

14. Adjourn

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.



Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk