**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023, AT 9:30 A.M.**

**BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM**

**201 W AVE E**

**ALPINE, TEXAS**

Judge Henington called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.; the following Elected Officials were present:

Greg Henington County Judge

Jim Westermann Commissioner Pct. 1

Sara Allen Colando Commissioner Pct. 2

Ruben Ortega Commissioner Pct. 3

Sarah Vasquez County Clerk

William “Mo” Morrow, Commissioner Pct. 4, was absent.

**Members of the public who are not able to participate in person, are encouraged to watch the meetings live online, at www.brewstercountytx.com or Brewster County's Facebook page. Members of the public are also encouraged to participate in public comment by calling 432-244-6663.**

**AGENDA**

**1. Invocation**

Invocation by Judge Henington.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were led by Judge Henington.

**3. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval**

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the March 14, 2023, minutes. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**5. Recognition & Announcements**

Commissioner Colando announced Big Bend Big Fix will be in Terlingua at the Red Pattillo community center on April 7th and 8th for pet services such as vaccinations, microchipping or spaying and neutering.

Commissioner Ortega announced Big Bend Big Fix will be in Marathon in May.

**6. County Judge Report - for informational purposes only; no action required**

Judge Henington announced replacement doors for the Tax Office building, and that there is a hospice care service in the Big Bend area.

**16. Preliminary proposed plat of Sagebrush Subdivision of 22.00 acres out of survey 43, blk 9, G.H. & S.A. RY. CO. surveys, Brewster County, Texas / Discussion and appropriate action**

Mattie Matthaei presented the proposed plat of Sagebrush Subdivision. No action taken.

**4. Public Comment - Comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Court may be limited in its ability to respond to comments.**

No comments.

**7. Emergency Management Department**

**A. General Report - Emergency Management Coordinator**

Stephanie Elmore, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented the General Report for the Emergency

Management Department. EMC Elmore reminded the public that the Burn Ban is still in effect.

**8. Road & Bridge Department**

**A. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Frenchie Causey presented the Road and Bridge Department general report.

**B. Discussion and appropriate action for general work / permits / contracts of Road & Bridge Department**

None.

**9. Brewster County Tourism**

**A. Executive Director Report**

Robert Alvarez, Executive Director, presented the Brewster County Tourism general report.

**B. Discussion and appropriate action for general work/ contracts for Brewster County Tourism**

**10. Treasurer's Office**

**A. Financial Reports / Updates**

No reports.

**B. Discussion, review, and appropriate action related to financial reports, administration and policies**

None.

**C. Official Monthly Reports**

Reports not read.

**D. 2020 County Audit update/ Discussion only**

Judge Henington reported that the 2020 Audit is nearing completion and could be ready by May 2023.

**11. Brewster County Auditor**

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

**1. Budget Amendments**

**2. Line-Item Adjustments**

Paty Saenz, Assistant Auditor, on behalf of Auditor Patty Roach presented the General Bills with walk-ins. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the general bills as presented. Commissioner Westerman seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**B. Financial Reports/ Updates**

None.

**C. Discussion, review and appropriate action related to financial administration and Policies**

**12. Review, Discuss and take appropriate action on Grant Application for FY 2023 Operation Stonegarden Grant**

Ryan Skelton, Chief Deputy of the Sheriff’s Office, presented the Stonegarden Grant application. Commissioner Ortega moved to go forward with the FY 2022 Operation Stonegarden Grant Application. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**13. Review, discuss and take appropriate action on Grant Application for FY 2023 Local Border Security Grant**

Chief Deputy Skelton presented the Local Border Security Grant. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the application for FY2024 Local Border Security Grant. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**14. Elections**

**A. Approve Elections Services agreement between the City of Alpine and Brewster County Elections Administrator / Discussion and appropriate action**

Lora Nussbaum, Elections Administrator, presented an agreement between the City of Alpine and Brewster County Election Administrator. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the agreement as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**15. Review, discuss and take appropriate action for TxCDBG Colonia Fund Assessment**

Judge Henington presented the TXCDBG Colonia Fund Assessment. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Contract between Presidio County and Brewster County as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**17. Review, discuss and take appropriate action regarding sale of property at Lee St. in Marathon**

Commissioner Ortega announced the action regarding the sale of property at Lee St. in Marathon.

Commissioner Ortega moved to accept the dedication of Lee St as surveyed, and abandon Railroad Ave in the County road system. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**18. Discuss and take appropriate action to appoint Brewster County Judge to the board of Big Bend Community Action Committee, Inc.**

Gloria Garcia presented the Big Bend Community Action Committee, Inc. Commissioner Ortega moved to appoint Brewster County Judge Henington to the board of Big Bend Community Action Committee, Inc. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**19. Declare salvage items: Maintenance / Co-op Building**

Judge Henington presented additional items to declare as salvage. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the list of salvage items as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**20. Schedule next Commissioners Court Meeting on April 11th, 2023, at 9:30 A.M.**

Judge Henington announced the next Commissioners Court Meeting on March 28, 2023, at 9:30 A.M.

**21. Adjourn**

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m

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**Greg P. Henington, County Judge**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk**