**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023, AT 9:30 A.M.**

**BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM**

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**ALPINE, TEXAS**

Judge Henington called the meeting to order at 9:30 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

William “Mo” Morrow 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.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 by Father Pablo Matta**

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**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 28, 2023, minutes. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**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.

**5. Recognition & Announcements**

**A. Clean up day April 22**

Commissioner Ortega announced all three locations for Cleanup Day on April 22 in Alpine, Terlingua, and Marathon. Alpine residents will haul items to the landfill. Terlingua and Marathon will go to the Road & Bridge yard in their town for pick up.

**B. County Provided CPR/AED Course**

Judge Henington announced the County will provide a CPR/AED Course free of charge for county employees.

Commissioner Ortega announced the Marathon ISD Tennis Team advanced to Regionals in the UIL Tennis Meet.

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

Judge Henington announced the new flooring being installed in the County Clerk’s office. Judge would like to start a beautification project to clean up the lawn of the courthouse and fix the benches.

**15. Kayse Muratori 9-1-1 GIS Coordinator, Rio Grande Council of Governments,**

**A. Update presentation on Brewster County precinct maps/ Discussion only B. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to name roadway**

Kayse Muratori, 911 GIS Coordinator, presented digital precinct maps and offered copies to the Court, Road & Bridge, and EMS.

**16. Introductions and Presentations from Texas Association of Counties by the County's Health & Employee Benefits Pool (TAC HEBP) Specialists/ Discussion only**

Ernesto Martinez and Mark Zillitsch, Texas Association of Counties Health & Employee Benefit Pool, presented on the County’s health benefits pool. Mindy Seahorn, Seahorn & Herring Associates LLP, can assist with TAC HEBP and bring in other offers of employee insurance as the County’s independent agent.

**17. Proclamation recognizing April 15-22, 2023, as International Dark Sky Week in Brewster County / Discussion and appropriate action**

Linda Beranek, with Danny Self, Amber Harrison, and Laura Gold, presented the International Dark Sky Week proclamation. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the proclamation as presented and recognize April 15 - 22, 2023, as International Dark Sky Week in Brewster County. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**18. Proclamation recognizing April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Brewster County / Discussion and appropriate action**

Letty Carrillo, Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend, requested the Court recognize April as the Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the proclamation as presented and recognize April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**13. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to participate in the Hybrid Hearings Improvement Initiative offered by The National Center for State Courts**

Lori Holguin, 394th District Court Coordinator, presented the Hybrid Hearings Improvement Initiative Grant on behalf of District Judge Roy Ferguson. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve Brewster County’s participation in the Hybrid Hearings Improvement Initiative. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**8. Emergency Management Department**

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

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

Management Department.

**9. 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**

**10. Brewster County Tourism**

**A. Executive Director Report**

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

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

**11. Treasurer's Office**

**A. Financial Reports / Updates**

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, presented a Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the General Fund and Road & Bridge Fund.

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

Treasurer Morton addressed questions of the line items by the Court.

**C. Official Monthly Reports**

None.

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

Judge Henington stated the 2020 audit is only missing a few items. The audit presentation should be available in May.

**12. 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.

Judge Henington moved to approve the general bills as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the

motion; motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Ortega abstained from Pinnacle Propane.

Assistant Auditor Saenz presented line-item transfers. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve line item transfers as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**B. Financial Reports/ Updates**

None.

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

None.

**7. Update on new Brewster County Website/ Commissioner S. Colando/ Discussion only**

No update.

**14. Review, discuss and take appropriate action on Interlocal Agreement between City of Alpine and Brewster County regarding Alpine Emergency Services Board DBA Alpine Volunteer Fire Department**

Judge Henington presented the Interlocal Agreement with Alpine Emergency Services Board DBA Alpine Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Morrow moved to approve the agreement as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**19. Schedule next Commissioners Court Meeting on April 25, 2023, at 9:30 A.M.**

Judge Henington announced the next Commissioners Court Meeting on April 25, 2023, at 9:30 A.M.

**20. Adjourn**

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m

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**Greg P. Henington, County Judge**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk**