**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**TUESDAY, MAY 23, 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**

Invocation by Commissioner Morrow.

**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 May 9, 2023, minutes. Commissioner Morrow 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.**

Bob Stammer, Terlingua resident, commented in favor of regulations for general contractors.

**5. Recognition & Announcements**

Commissioner Ortega recognized the Road and Bridge on the Baseball Field upkeep in Marathon.

Judge Henington recognized the law enforcement and first responders for their work at the recent head-on collision on Hwy 118.

**12. Program Director Walter Kuykendall with Emergent Air to provide quarterly report/ discussion only**

Walter Kuykendall, Emergent Air Program Director, presented a quarterly report. CPR class will be offered in Marathon at the Fire Department on Saturday, May 27, 2023.

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

Judge Henington gave the County Judge’s Report.

**7. Rene' Bates Auctioneers, Inc revenue update/ discussion only**

Judge Henington opened up the auction again for all salvage/surplus items. About $52,200 collected since items were sold from the Road & Bridge and County Clerk’s office.

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

Commissioner Colando virtually attended the TAC County Technology Conference.

**9. Review, discuss and take possible action to approve Rush Warren for service as a Director on the Brewster County Groundwater District**

Judge Henington moved to appoint Rush Warren to the vacancy left by Ike Roberts on the Brewster County Groundwater Conservation District. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**10. Review, discuss and take possible action to approve Road Access and Utility Easement Agreement**

Judge Henington moved to table agenda item # 10. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**11. Review, discuss and take possible action to execute Administrative Cost Agreement for the Far West Texas Water Plan**

Judge Henington moved to approve the Administrative Cost Agreement as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**13. Kayse Muratori 9-1-1 GIS Coordinator Report project update/ discussion only**

Agenda item # 13 skipped due to Kayse Muratori absence.

**14. Road & Bridge Department**

**A. Superintendent's Report**

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

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

None.

**15. Emergency Management Department**

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

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

Management Department.

**B. Review, discuss and take appropriate action on Brewster County Burn Ban/ Firework Order**

EMC Elmore presented the Order Prohibiting Certain Fireworks. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the order as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

EMC Elmore presented the Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the burn ban as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**16. Treasurer's Office**

**A. Financial Reports / Updates**

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, presented the financial reports. Treasurer Morton reminded the Court that the financial reports need to be approved, signed, and posted on the County website per statute. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the financial reports as presented. Commissioner Wasserman seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

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

None.

**C. Official Monthly Reports**

None.

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

Judge Henington announced the 2020 Audit is only missing one item, and should be presented in the next 30 days.

**E. Review, discuss and take possible action to accept a donation of an Audio/Visual device from Big Bend Telephone Company**

Agenda item duplicated with # 19.

**17. Brewster County Auditor**

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

**1. Budget Amendments**

**2. Line-Item Adjustments**

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

as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Ortega abstained

from Pinnacle Propane.

Auditor Roach presented a budget amendment. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Auditor Roach presented a line item transfer. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the line item transfer as

presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**B. Financial Reports/ Updates**

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

**18. Review, discuss and take possible action on final plat approval for Sage Brush land development**

Agenda item # 18 skipped; Groundwater Conservation District approval is not ready as requested from the preliminary plat.

**19. Review, discuss and take possible action to accept a donation of an Audio/Visual device from Big Bend Telephone Company rusty moore. Donate an owl to the court. Judge ortega accept donation**

Judge Henington spoke with Rusty Moore, Big Bend Telephone Company, and BBT wants to donate an Owl Labs Meeting Camera to Brewster County. Judge Henington moved to approve the donation. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**20. Schedule next Commissioners Court Meeting on June 13, 2023, at 9:30 A.M**

Judge Henington announced the next Commissioners Court Meeting on June 13, 2023, at 9:30 am. Judge Henington announced that he will be absent.

**21. Adjourn**

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m

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**Greg P. Henington, County Judge**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk**