**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**TUESDAY, MAY 9, 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 9:32 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 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 April 25, 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.**

Joselyn Fenstermacher, President of the Big Bend Citizens Alliance, presented an update on the South County Library Project and funding from the ARPA/LATCF funding.

**5. Recognition & Announcements**

Commissioner Colando announced she and Judge Henington attended the Brewster County Tourism Council meeting to listen to the Texas A&M survey findings. Commissioner Colando asked for the file to be sent to the county for posting.

Commissioner Ortega announced two Marathon students started the EMS courses.

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

Judge Henington reported that the County Clerk’s office flooring is almost finished, plexiglas partitions will be removed, and the law library will be next.

**7. Presentation by representative Tiffni Bird with Angels Care Hospice/ Discussion only**

Tiffini Bird and Karen Ramirez with Angels Care Hospice presented information about in-home hospice services.

**8. Presentation by representative from Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson regarding Brewster County collections/ Discussion only**

Daniel Albidrez, partner with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, presented information on Brewster County collections of delinquent taxes.

**9. David Quin Program Manager of Public Power Pool (P3) to present the P3's 2022 group wide procurement for the County's new electricity with MP2- Shell Energy Solutions for 2023-25 / Discussion only**

David Quin, Public Power Pool (P3) representative, presented information on the pool’s status.

**10. Review, discuss and take possible action regarding implementation of credit card processing system for JP Precinct # 1**

Judge Wasserman presented the need for a credit card processing system. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

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

Commissioner Colando presented an update on the Brewster County Website.

**12. Presentation from Luke Hendryx Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Agent Report/ Discussion only**

Luke Hendryx, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent, sent a general report to the court via email. Report not read.

**13. 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**

**14. Emergency Management Department**

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

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

Management Department.

**15. Treasurer's Office**

**A. Financial Reports / Updates**

No report.

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

Revenue reports discussed for this fiscal year.

**C. Official Monthly Reports**

None.

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

Judge Henington presented an update on the 2020 audit.

**E. Review, discuss and approve acceptance of $500 donation from Judge Val Beard for the purposes of refurbishing gardens behind Brewster County Assessor's office**

Judge Henington moved to approve the $500 donation for the refurbishment of gardens behind the Brewster County Tax Assessor/Collector’s Office. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**16. 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 budget amendments. Commissioner Colando moved that the Brewster County Commissioners Court confirm the County Auditor's certification of the NCSC Hybrid Hearings Improvement Initiative revenue and amend the Fiscal Year 2023 revenue and expenditure budgets in accordance with the attached budget amendment form. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

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

**17. Brewster County Tourism**

**A. Executive Director Report**

None.

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

None.

**18. Schedule next Commissioners Court Meeting on May 23rd, 2023, at 9:30 A.M**

Judge Henington announced the next Commissioners Court Meeting on May 23, 2023, at 9:30 A.M.

**19. Adjourn**

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m

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**Greg P. Henington, County Judge**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk**