**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023, AT 9:30 A.M.**

**BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM**

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**ALPINE, TEXAS**

Commissioner Ortega called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.; the following Elected Officials were present:

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

Greg Henington, County Judge, 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 Commissioner Morrow.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were led by Commissioner Ortega.

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

Commissioner Colando moved to approve the May 23, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**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**

Commissioner Westermann announced he would like to add a shade shelter over the emergency vehicles at the North Brewster County Emergency Response Center, to be purchased with ARPA funds.

Commissioner Colando announced the Big Bend Regional Hospital District will hold a public town hall meeting on Monday, June 19th at the Red Pattillo Community Center in Study Butte at 6:00 pm.

Commissioner Ortega announced Izabelle Briones and Annaliese West, Marathon ISD students, made it to the Finals of the Junior Historian Fair.

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

Commissioner Colando presented an update on the county website with the creation of the domain.

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

Commissioner Morrow presented the Road Access and Utility Easement Agreement. Commissioner Westermann moved to approve the agreement as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Morrow abstained due to his wife being the broker.

**8. 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**

**9. Emergency Management Department**

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

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

Management Department. The Burn Ban is still in effect; please contact EMC Elmore or emergency dispatch for burning permits.

**10. Treasurer's Office**

**A. Financial Reports / Updates**

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

**C. Official Monthly Reports**

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

Skipped; Treasurer Morton absent.

**11. 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 Westermann moved to approve the general bills as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Ortega abstained from Pinnacle Propane.

Auditor Roach presented a budget amendment for the Stonegarden Grant. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

Auditor Roach presented line item transfers. Commissioner Morrow moved to approve the line item transfers as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**B. Financial Reports/ Updates**

None.

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

None.

**12. Brewster County Tourism**

**A. Report from Robert Alvarez, Executive Director: General update, travel shows, marketing, finances, visitation status, project reports and issues**

Robert Alvarez, Executive Director of Visit Big Bend, presented a general update report. Brewster County Tourism Council’s next meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2023, at the Val Beard Building at 1:30 pm..

**B. Discussion and appropriate action for general work/ Contracts for Brewster County Tourism go forward**

Auditor Roach presented a couple of amendments to the Production Agreement with 12 Rounds Media LLC, and the print advertising contract with Power Play Marketing. Commissioner Morrow moved to table, pending updated verbiage. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**13. Schedule next Commissioners Court Meeting on June 27, 2023, at 9:30 A.M**

Commissioner Ortega announced the next Commissioners Court Meeting on June 27, 2023, at 9:30 am.

**14. Adjourn**

Commissioner Colando moved to adjourn. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m

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**Greg P. Henington, County Judge**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk**