**BREWSTER COUNTY**

**COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**JIM WESTERMANN SARA COLANDO** Commissioner, Pct.1Commissioner, Pct. 2A black and white logo

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**RUBEN ORTEGA MO MORROW**

Commissioner, Pct. 3Commissioner, Pct.4

**GREG P. HENINGTON**

County Judge

**Special Commissioners Meeting:** December 28, 2023, at 9:30 A.M.

**Brewster County Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom**

**201 W. Ave. E Alpine, Texas 79830**

**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order – Judge Greg P. Henington**

Judge Heningtion 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

**2. Invocation**

Invocation by Valynda Henington.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**4. Review, discuss and take possible action regarding the ratification for an increase in salaries for the Brewster County Sheriff's office and Brewster County Jail personnel. This increase is related to the Senate Bill 22 which provides for a reimbursement grant to the county for law enforcement salaries.**

Judge Henington presented the Senate Bill 22 for the reimbursement grant to the county for law enforcement salaries. This is to ratify salaries that have been paid since October. Commissioner Westerman moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**5. Review, discuss and take possible action to approve up to three new members of the Emergency Services Board # 1 to fill terms that are expiring December 31, 2023.**

Judge Henington presented four candidates for the ESD Board openings. Commissioner Ortega would like to honor the board's feedback when given. Christin Orren is a new resident and candidate. Judge Henington moved to appoint Linda Walker, Jeff Baumann, and Jeanette Hall for a two year term, and Jim Hines to fulfill the one remaining year on Mr Villalpando’s term. Commissioner Colando moved to amend the main motion to put Christin Orren in place of Jeff Baumann. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 4-1 with Judge Henington opposed. Judge Henington restated the amended main motion for Linda Walker, Christin Orren, and Jeanette Hall to serve for two years, expiring on December 31, 2025; and Jim Hines to serve one year expiring on December 31, 2024. Commissioner Colando second the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**6. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on January 9, 2024, at 9:30 A.M.**

Judge Henington announced the next Commissioners Court Meeting on January 9, 2024, at 9:30 AM.

**7. Closed meeting of Commissioners Court, if necessary**

**If, during the course of the meeting covered by the notice, the Commissioners Court needs to meet in executive session, then such closed or executive meeting or session, pursuant to Chapter 551, Government Code of Texas, will be held by the Commissioners Court on the date, hour, and place given in the notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this notice as the Court may conveniently meet in such closed or executive meeting or session convening and concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Chapter 511 of said Government Code.**

**If necessary, following any closed or executive meeting the Commissioners Court will convene in open session to take any final action, decision, or vote on any matter deliberated in closed meeting which has a property been noticed in compliance with Chapter 551 Government Code of Texas.**

**8. Adjourn**

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 A.M.

**ATTEST:**

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**Greg P. Henington Sarah Vasquez**