**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023, AT 1:30 P.M.**

**BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM**

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**ALPINE, TEXAS**

**AGENDA**

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

Judge Heningtion called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.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 Judge Henington.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**4. Review, discuss and take possible action for the purchase of real estate property**

Judge Henington announced the offer to purchase real estate located at 212 N 6th St, Alpine, TX was accepted. Purchase price was agreed at $140,000 with closing cost to be paid by the seller.

**5. Review, discuss and take possible action on discretionary purchasing exemption for real estate purchase per LGC 262.024**

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the discretionary purchasing exemption for the purchase of the presented real estate. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Morrow abstained.

**7. Review, discuss and take possible action on presentation of 2023 Certified Tax Roll and Tax Rate calculations**

Sylvia Vega, Tax Assessor-Collector, presented the 2023 Certified Tax Roll of $1,346,847,514 in taxable value as of July 25, 2023. She advised the court that there are many properties still under protest, and there is no definite tax rate available. Judge Henington moved to accept the Tax Assessor-Collector’s calculations as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**9. Review, discuss and take possible action on proposed tax year 2023 Tax Rate**

Judge Henington moved to propose a tax rate of 0.366547 (Voter Approval Rate) as reflected in the County’s Proposed FY24 Budget. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; Judge Henington recorded the vote:

Commissioner Morrow - Aye;

Commissioner Ortega - Aye;

Commissioner Colando - Aye;

Commissioner Westermann - Aye;

Judge Henington - Aye.

The motion passed 5-0.

**8. Review, discuss and take possible action to approve and publish Elected Officials Proposed Salary**

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve and publish the Elected Officials Proposed Salary. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**10. Review, discuss and take possible action to schedule a public hearing date on FY 2024 Budget (LGC 111.007 (b))**

Auditor Roach, suggested August 28 through September 8th as the window for a budget hearing. Judge Henington moved to schedule the Proposed Budget Hearing at 9:30 AM on August 29, 2023, in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**11. Review, discuss and take possible action to schedule a Public Hearing Date on tax year 2023 Tax Rate (Tax Code 26.05 (d))**

Auditor Roach presented possible dates to hold the public hearing and reminded the court that this hearing must consist of at least four members present. Judge Henington moved to schedule the Tax Rate Hearing at 9:30 AM on August 29, 2023, in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**6. Review, discuss and take possible action on 5-year contract to purchase equipment for Brewster County Sheriff's Office**

**A. Body Camera equipment**

**B. Taser equipment**

Sergeant Chris Roach, Sheriff’s Office, presented the need to replace the body cameras and tasers that no longer work and upgrade body cameras and tasers for all deputies with the Axon Enterprise contract.

Commissioner Ortega moved to table until the next regular Commissioners Court meeting on August 22, 2023. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**12. Schedule next Commissioners Court Meeting on August 22, 2023, at 9:30 A.M**

The next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting will be held on August 22, 2023, at 9:30 AM. The public hearing for the FY24 Budget and the 2023 Tax Rate will be on August 29, 2023, at 9:30 AM.

**13. Adjourn**

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

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**Greg P. Henington, Brewster County Judge**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sarah Vasquez, Brewster County Clerk**