**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023, AT 9:30 A.M.**

**BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM**

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**AGENDA**

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 Absent

Katrina Muñoz, Deputy Clerk for Sarah Vasquez, recorded the minutes.

To discuss and take action as appropriate

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2024**

**BREWSTER COUNTY BUDGET**

**1. Review of FY 2024 Proposed Budget**

Judge Henington called to order the public hearing on the proposed FY2024 Brewster County budget at 9:32 am and opened the floor for questions or comments by the public. No comments or questions.

**2. Public Comment regarding FY 2024 Proposed Budget**

Judge Henington opened the floor for questions or comments by the public. No comments or questions.

**3. Discussion among members of Commissioners Court and Public**

Judge Henington opened the floor for discussion among members of the Commissioners Court and the public.

**4. Adjourn**

Judge Henington adjourned public hearing on the proposed 2024 Brewster County Budget at 9:32am

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING**

**TAX YEAR 2023 TAX RATE AND RELATED MATTERS**

**1.Public Hearing regarding the Proposed Tax Year 2023 Tax Rate**

Judge Henington called to order the public hearing regarding Tax Year 2023 tax rate and related matters at 9:33am.

| **Maintenance & Operation** | **0.346421** |
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| **Interest & Sinking** | **0.020126** |
| **Total Rate Proposed** | **0.366547** |

1. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

Judge Henington opened the floor for questions or comments by the public. No comments or questions.

1. **Discussion among Members of Commissioners Court and Public**

Judge Henington opened the floor for discussion among members of the Commissioners Court and the public.

**2. Adjourn**

Judge Henington adjourned the public hearing on the proposed Tax Year 2023 Tax Rate at 9:34am.

**Special Commissioners Court Meeting Agenda**

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

Judge Heningtion called the special meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

**2. Invocation**

Invocation by Judge Henington.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**1. Matters concerning adoption of FY 2024 Budget**

**A. Discussion and Adoption or other appropriate action concerning FY 2024 Budget, including, Elected County, Precinct Officers, Employee salaries, expenses and other allowances**

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, presented amended budget items. No comments or questions. Judge Henington moved to adopt the FY 2024 Budget as amended, including the elected and precinct officers’ salaries. 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.

**B. Discussion and action to ratify increase in property tax revenue**

No comments or questions. Judge Henington moved to ratify the increase in property tax revenue of $192978 that’s reflected in the budget. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; Judge Henington recorded the vote:

Commissioner Westermann - Aye;

Commissioner Colando - Aye;

Commissioner Ortega - Aye;

Commissioner Morrow - Aye;

Judge Henington - Aye.

The motion passed 5-0.

**2. Matters concerning adoption of Tax Year 2023 Tax Rate**

**A. Discussion and appropriate action to set the Tax Year 2023 Maintenance and Operations tax rate.**

Judge Henington moved that the property tax rate for maintenance and operations be set at 0.346421 cents per $100. Commissioner Ortega 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.

**B. Discussion and appropriate action to set the Tax Year 2023 Interest and Sinking tax rate.**

Judge Henington moved that the property tax rate for debt service be set at 0.020126 cents per $100. Commissioner Ortega 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.

**C. Adopt a Tax Rate Order.**

Judge Henington moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of the tax rate of 0.366547 which is effectively a 4.91% increase in the tax rate. Commissioner Ortega 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.

**3. Discussion and appropriate action to set alternate hearing and/or adoption dates if necessary**

Unnecessary.

**4. Brewster County Tourism**

**A. Discuss, review and take appropriate action on approving the Cell Phone Analysis Partnership with The Retail Coach**

No comments or questions. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the contract with The Retail Coach as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; the motion passed 5-0.

**5. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to approve increased jury stipend rates as outlined in House Bill 3474.**

Judge Henington and Auditor Roach presented the new rates as outlined in HB 3474. Judge Henington moved to set the partial day rate at $20 per day and the full day rate for jury trials at $58 per day. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; the motion passed 5-0.

**6. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on September 12, 2023, at 9:30 A.M.**

Judge Henington announced the next Commissioner Court Meeting on September 12, 2023.

**7. Adjourn**

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:52

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

**ATTEST:**

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**Sarah Vasquez, Brewster County Clerk**