**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022, AT 9:30 A.M.**

**BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM**

**201 W AVE E**

**ALPINE, TEXAS**

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.; the following Elected Officials were present:

Eleazar R. Cano County Judge

Jim Westermann Commissioner Pct. 1

Sara Allen Colando Commissioner Pct. 2

Ruben Ortega Commissioner Pct. 3

Sarah Vasquez County Clerk

Mike “Coach” Pallanez, Commissioner Pct. 4, 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, Texas (County’s Facebook page). Members of the public are also encouraged to participate in public comment by calling telephone number 432-538-2028. This temporary suspension will leave important Open Meetings Act (Section 551.043, Texas Government Code) protections in place.**

**AGENDA**

**1. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance**

Invocation and Pledge were led by Judge Cano. Commissioner Westermann led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

**2. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval**

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the minutes for September 13, 2022. Judge Cano seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

Judge Cano moved to approve the minutes for September 27, 2022. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**3. Public Comment - Comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Court is limited in its ability to respond to comments.**

No comments.

**4. Recognitions & Announcements**

Commissioner Ortega recognized the Road & Bridge Department for their hard work with the increase of rain. Commissioner Colando expressed gratitude for Superintendent Causey’s quick response to issues.

Judge Cano announced that the next Commissioners Court meeting will include honoring a citizen on her 100th birthday.

Judge Cano announced Early Voting will begin on October 24, 2022, and expressed the importance of voting.

**11. Consider entering into a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) made by**

**Southern Methodist University and Dedman School of Law a study of Brewster County's indigent defense services / Discussion and appropriate action**

James McDermott, Chief Public Defender of the Far West Texas Regional Public Defender Office, presented the Memorandum of Understanding for the study of Brewster County’s indigent defense program. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**5. Emergency Management Department**

**A. General Report including:**

**Recent emergency responses; emergency planning update; recent work with cooperating emergency responders: (ESD #1, all VFD's and EMS); update on needs, programs, training, recent work with other governmental entities; equipment for emergency response and updates regarding needs, maintenance, repairs, replacement and additions; burn bans/restrictions, prohibiting fireworks, emergency management issues related to public and private insurance coverage, personnel issues related to emergency response, matters related to pending & future Homeland Security, FEMA Grant & updates on Coronavirus (COVID-19) / Discussion and appropriate action**

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

Management Department. She reminded the public that a Burn Ban is not currently in effect, and anyone planning a large burn should contact the Sheriff’s office so that first responders will be aware of the planned burn.

**6. Road & Bridge Department / Community Facilities**

**A. Road & Bridge Superintendent's Report**

**General updates on maintenance and repairs for all county roads; road materials including, fuel, supplies including usage & inventories & future needs; equipment including heavy equipment, (maintenance repairs, future needs, replacement and additions), pickups, trailers and other light vehicles and accessories, and small equipment, (usage, future needs), equipment rentals; facilities (yards in Alpine, Marathon and S. County) and community facilities (assistance with maintenance and other related issues); assistance to other governmental entities and emergency responders; personnel issues, (vacancies, new hires, performance and safety); permits for boring or trenching for utilities across County Roads**

Superintendent Frenchie Causey presented the Road and Bridge Department general report.

**B. Discussion and appropriate action for general work of Road & Bridge Department & Community Facilities to go forward**

**7. Community Facilities Report**

**A. General Report**

Judge Cano read the Community Facilities Report on behalf of Johnny Valencia.

**8. Treasurer's Office**

**A. Financial Reports / Updates, discussion, review, and appropriate action concerning the following:**

**Combined Statement of Revenues & Expenses Payroll Reports**

**Check Register Receipt File Listings**

**Personnel/ Overtime Reports Cash Reports**

**Other Financial Report as Requested by Commissioner Grant Reports**

No report.

**B. Other general administrative and procedural matters related to Treasurer's Office/ Discussion and appropriate action for work of Treasurer's Office to go forward**

**10. Consider approval of Interlocal Cooperation Jail Housing Agreement between Brewster County and Ector County/ Discussion and appropriate action**

Sheriff Ronny Dodson presented the Interlocal Cooperation Jail Housing Agreement between Brewster County and Ector County. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the interlocal agreement as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**9. Brewster County Auditor**

**A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action**

**Budget Amendments Line Item Transfers**

**Other Financial Reports as Requested by Commissioners**

Patty Roach, County Auditor, presented the general bills with walk-ins. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve general bills and walk-ins as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Ortega abstained from Pinnacle Propane..

Auditor Roach presented Budget Amendments. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

Auditor Roach presented Line Item Transfers. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve line item transfers as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**12. FY 2023 Brewster County Resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program / Discussion and appropriate action**

Judge Cano read the resolution into record. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as read. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**14. FY 2023 Regional Solid Waste Management Allocation Program /Consider approval of application and resolution / Discussion and appropriate action**

Commissioner Ortega presented the FY 2023 Regional Solid Waste Management Allocation Program. Judge Cano read the resolution into record. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the resolution as read. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**13. FY 2023 Brewster County Resolution the Bullet Resistant Shield Grant Program/ Discussion and appropriate action**

Sheriff Dodson presented the resolution for the Bullet Resistant Shield Grant Program. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**15. Alex Valenzuela director of Red Dune Engineering to present proposed private residential subdivision at 1908 W. Mosley Loop, Brewster County, TX 79830/ Discussion only**

Mattie Matthaei, resident and developer, presented a proposed residential subdivision plan for her property at 1908 West Mosley Loop in Brewster County.

**16. Officials' Monthly Reports**

Commissioner Ortega read the Officials’ Monthly report and moved to approve as read. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**17. Schedule next Commissioners Court Meeting on October 25, 2022 at 9:30 am.**

Judge Cano announced the next Commissioners Court Meeting on October 25, 2022, at 9:30 A.M.

**24. Adjourn**

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Judge Cano seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

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**Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk**