**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 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 9:34 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

Mike “Coach” Pallanez Commissioner Pct. 4

Sarah Vasquez County Clerk

**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 October 11, 2022. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**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.**

Brenda Reinke-Young, Alpine resident, commented in favor of adding stop signs on 5th & Harriet St for the safety of the neighborhood and children.

**4. Recognitions & Announcements -**

Judge Cano announced the tourists setting up for the Terlingua Cook Off event.

Commissioner Ortega recognized the local students participating in the Regional Cross Country meet and the Marathon advancer, Alyssa.

Commissioner Colando announced the passing of Robert “Beechie” Beauchamp. Memorial will be held at the Terlingua Ranch Lodge in November.

Commissioner Westermann announced the passing of Dr. Dan Petrosky, chiropractor.

**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, 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**

**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**

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, presented the Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenses September 2022. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Treasurer’s Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenses as presented. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**B. Discuss, consider, and select engineering service provider(s) to complete project implementation for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP Act) funding administered by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, other Federal or State Agency**

Treasurer Morton presented the bid information for Engineering/Architectural/Surveying Services. Judge Cano and Commissioners completed the scored the bid.

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the selection of Jacob|Martin engineering firm for the Engineering/Architectural/Surveying services. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the resolution selecting Jacob|Martin for the professional engineering services. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

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

Treasurer Morton announced that she plans to invest some of the Hotel/Motel fund into Certificates of Deposit.

**9. Brewster County Auditor**

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

Patty Roach, County Auditor, presented the General Bills. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the general bills as presented. Judge Cano seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Ortega abstained from Pinnacle Propane.

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

**Budget Amendments Line Item Transfers**

**Other Financial Reports as Requested by Commissioners**

Auditor Roach presented a Budget Amendment. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Auditor Roach presente the Line Item Transfers. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve line item transfers as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**10. Consider FY 2021-2022 Permian Basin Community Centers for Mental Health/ Mental Retardation DBA PermiaCare Funding Agreement / Discussion and appropriate action**

Auditor Roach presented the FY 2021-2022 Permian Basin Community Center Funding Agreement. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the FY 2021-2022 Permian Basin Community Center Agreement as presented.Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**11. Consider FY 2022-2023 Permian Basin Community Centers for Mental Health / Mental**

**Retardation DBA PermiaCare Funding Agreement / Discussion and appropriate action**

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the FY 2021-2022 Permian Basin Community Center Agreement as presented.Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**12. Brewster County Sheriff's Office**

**A. Consider Land Lease Agreement of Santiago Peak to provide expansion of radio service coverage/ Discussion and appropriate action**

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Land Lease Agreement as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**13. FY 2023 Resolution Authorizing, Texans Feeding Texans Home-Delivered Meal Grant**

**Program Agreement / Discussion and appropriate action**

Commissioner Colando moved to table Item # 13 for clarification of the amount requested. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**14. Veterans Affairs Officer Adam Daley/ Quarterly report/ Discussion only**

Adam Daley, Veterans Services Officer, presented a quarterly report. Mr. Daley will meet with veterans in their home, office, or wherever is convenient for the veteran in need. Mr. Daley can be contacted at his office line at (432)837-6219 and cell (706)252-6570.

**15. Discuss and consider FY 2023 professional services agreement with Roland Valles for**

**Precinct 1 Justice Court/ Discussion and appropriate action**

Treasurer Morton summarized Judge Steele’s request for an independent contractor to train his assistant. Judge Cano moved to table Item # 15. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**16. Brewster County Emergency Services District #1 / Board of Directors Appointments/Discussion and appropriate action**

**A. Executive Session Pursuant to Section 551.074, Government Code, VTCA, to discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, compensation, or dismissal of a public officer or employee**

Court Closed in Executive Session at 11:10 a.m.

Court reconvened in Open Session at 11:17 a.m.

**B. Discussion and appropriate action resulting from Executive Session**

Commissioner Colando moved to reappoint Marcos Paredes to the Board of Directors of Emergency Services District #1. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**17. Officials' Monthly Reports**

Commissioner Colando read the Officials’ Monthly report. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as read. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**18. Schedule next Commissioners Court Meeting on November 8, 2022 at 9:30 am.**

Judge Cano announced the next Commissioners Court Meeting on November 8, 2022, at 9:30 A.M.

**19. Adjourn**

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

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**Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk**