**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 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 9:38 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**

No minutes.

**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.**

Robert Ligon, Marathon resident, commented in opposition to a planned RV park in Marathon.

Daryl Eby, owner of Big Bend Vacation Rentals and resident of Terlingua, commented in support of Hotel Occupancy Tax enforcement and action against non-compliant businesses.

**4. Recognitions & Announcements**

**Official order confirming reappointment of County Auditor Patty Roach**

Judge Cano announced the reappointment of County Auditor Patty Roach and read the order of reappointment into the record.

Commissioner Pallanez recognized the Alpine High School boys and girls track team on their advancement.

Commissioner Ortega recognized the Marathon students for their advancement in track and State History Fair.

**Annual Cyber Security course**

Judge Cano reminded county employees and elected officials to complete the Annual Cyber Security course.

**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, 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, reported current Covid19 statistics: 274 probable cases and 29 total fatalities. EMC Elmore requested a new Burn Ban Order. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Burn Ban Order. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**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 & Bridge Department’s 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 Commissioners Grants Reports**

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, had no reports.

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

**9. Brewster County Auditor**

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

**Budget Amendments Line Item Transfers**

**Other Financial Reports as Requested by Commissioners**

Patty Roach, County Auditor, presented the general bills and walk-ins. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the general bills as presented. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Ortega abstained from Pinnacle Propane and walk-ins.

Auditor Roach presented a Line Item Transfer. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Line Item Transfer as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

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

**10. Approve resolution to lease, purchase and/or finance Road & Bridge Equipment/ Discussion and appropriate action**

Auditor Roach presented the resolution and documents to finance the Road & Bridge’s new pneumatic roller. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the resolution and documents as presented. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**11. Brewster County Tourism**

**A. Report from Robert Alvarez, Executive Director:**

**General update, travel shows, marketing, finances, visitation status, project reports. personnel issues, (vacancies, new hires, and performance)**

Robert Alvarez, Executive Director, presented a general report on the Brewster County Tourism department. Mr Alvarez also announced a travel & tourism / community outreach event will be held in Marathon on May 2 at the Marathon Hotel and in Study Butte on May 3.

**B. Discussion and appropriate action for general work, contracts, and agreements for Brewster County Tourism to go forward**

**12. Final Plat Application for Larrew Subdivision, Lots 1 & 2, Block 1 - Presentation by Ron Wimberley, Surveyor, and Erin Lane, Vertical Bridge REIT, LLC; discussion and appropriate action.**

Ron Wimberley, Texas RPLS, presented Final Plat and Application for Larrew Subdivision, Lots 1 & 2, Block 1. Erin Lane, Vertical Bridge, REIT, LLC, presented the commercial use for the subdivided acreage. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the Final Plat as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**13. Elite Medical Air Transport, LLC, DBA Emergent Air**

**A. Discussion and appropriate action to approve Emergent Air Contract to provide emergency medical service effective May 1, 2022.**

Greg Henington, EMS Task Force chair, presented the Agreement for the Provision of Emergency Medical and Ambulance Services between the City of Alpine, Texas, the County of Brewster, Texas and Elite Medical Air Transport, LLC, DBA Emergent Air. Auditor Roach and commissioners recognized a few typographical mistakes within the contract. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the contract with noted corrections. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Colando moved to adopt the Order Approving an Agreement for the Provision of

Emergency Medical and Ambulance Services between the City of Alpine, Texas, the County of Brewster, Texas

and Elite Medical Air Transport, LLC, DBA Emergent Air as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**14. Officials' Monthly Reports**

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

**15. Scheduled Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on May 10, 2022, at 9:30 AM**

Judge Cano announced the next Regular Commissioners Court meeting on May 10, 2022, at 9:30 A.M.

**16. Adjourn**

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Meeting

adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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**Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge**

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**Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk**