

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2021 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
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.brewstercountytexas.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.

2. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the minutes from November 9, 2021. Commissioner Pallanez 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

No comment.

4. 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 Grants & Updates on Coronavirus (COVID-19) / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano reported on behalf of Stephanie Elmore, Emergency Management Coordinator, an update on Coronavirus, COVID-19. Local statistics up to date as of November 22, 2021: 5 active cases, 0 hospitalization, and 22 fatalities. Ms. Becky McCutchen, Alpine ISD Superintendent, stated no cases in the schools. Commissioner Ortega stated a few cases in Marathon school have been reported.

B. Discussion and appropriate action for work of Emergency Management

5. Recognitions & Announcements

Judge Cano announced that Alpine's Art Walk attendance numbers were down.

Commissioner Colando announced the Joe May Barnes memorial in Terlingua raised the most money ever for the scholarship fund.

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 Causey presented the Road & Bridge Department's general report. The exhumation of the unidentified remains at the cemetery has been put on hold until further information.

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 presented the Community Facilities Report on behalf of Johnny Valencia.

B. Discussion and appropriate action for general work of Community Facilities to go forward

8. Action to approve a redistricting plan for Brewster County Justice of the Peace Precincts / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano introduced Sara Leon, attorney at Sara Leon & Associates, who presented the redistricting plan for Brewster County Justice of the Peace Precincts. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the redistricting plan as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Judge Cano read the Order Adopting a Redistricting Plan for JP Precincts into the minutes. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Order as read. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

9. Brewster County Sheriff's Office / Discussion and appropriate action to order a discretionary exemption from competitive bidding for the purchase of patrol vehicles under LGC 262.024(a)(2)

Sheriff Ronny Dodson requested a discretionary exemption for the purchase of Sheriff's Office vehicles. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the discretionary exemption as requested. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

10. Treasurer's Office

B. Declare items as Salvage & Surplus Property in accordance with Section 263.152 of the Texas Local Government Code by competitive bid or auction, Travel Star by StarCraft RV VIN #1SABSO2R161CK6918, Pilgrim International RV VIN #5L4TF332X63020332, & Laredo by Keystone RV VIN #4YDT296299L601372/ Discussion and appropriate action

Sheriff Ronny Dodson presented items and requested they be declared as salvage & surplus property and sold by competitive bid or auction. Commissioner Ortega moved to declare the list of items as salvage & surplus property. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

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

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| 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 |

No reports.

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

11. Approve Contract with GrantWorks, Inc for the American Rescue Plan Act Administration Services / Discussion and appropriate action

John Bordeaux with GrantWorks, Inc presented the American Rescue Plan Act Administration Services contract. Commissioner Ortega moved to table the agenda item #11 until the County Attorney, Mr. Steve Houston, reviews the contract. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

12. Discussion and appropriate action to order a discretionary exemption from competitive bidding for the Texas A&M AgriLife research contract under LGC 262.024(a)(4)

Patty Roach, County Auditor, presented the Tourism Council's request for a discretionary exemption from competitive bidding for the Texas A&M AgriLife research contract. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve discretionary exemption as presented. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

13. Discussion and appropriate action to ratify Texas A & M AgriLife research contract

Ms. Roach, County Auditor, presented the Texas A&M AgriLife research contract for the Brewster County tourism survey. Commissioner Ortega moved to table the agenda item #13 until the County Attorney, Mr. Steve Houston, reviews the contract. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

14. Brewster County Auditor

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action

Ms. Roach, County Auditor, presented the general bills. 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.

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

Budget Amendments

Line Item Transfers

Other Financial Reports as Requested by Commissioners

No reports.

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

None.

15. Officials' Monthly Reports

Judge Cano read the Officials' Monthly Reports. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the report as read. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

16. Update / Retainer Agreement with Law Firm Big Bend Law, Rod Ponton, Attorney At Law, in re Cause No. CVB20433; Marcia Ann Sykes and the Estate of Marcia Ann Sykes and all Unknown Heirs, Devisees, and Assigns of Marcia Ann Sykes; Phillip Joseph Smith; Dymphna Lorraine DeLaRosa / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano read an update from Rod Ponton, Attorney at Law, stating he was waiting for the order from the probate case.

17. Update / Retainer Agreement with Law Firm Big Bend Law, Rod Ponton, Attorney at Law, in re Cause No. CV02299; Elizabeth Emery Fulcher Hill and Janie Marie Fulcher, Plaintiffs, v Unknown Executor or Administrator of the Estate of Bernardo Borrego, Deceased, Unknown Heirs of Bernardo Borrego, Deceased, Any and All Known or Unknown Owners or Claimants of an Interest, Right,

or Title In: Section 303, Block G-4, G.C. & S.F. Ry. Co. Survey (640 acres) in Brewster County Texas, and Brewster County, Texas, Defendants/ Discussion and appropriate action

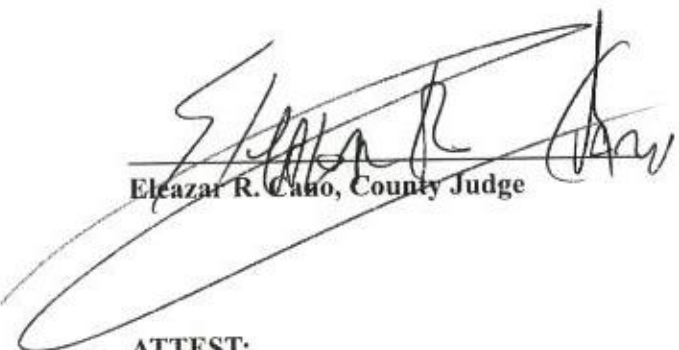
Judge Cano read an update from Rod Ponton, Attorney at Law, stating he was waiting for a judgment on the county roads.

**18. Scheduled Special Commissioners Court Meeting on November 30th, 2021, at 9:30 A.M.
J.W. "Red" Pattillo Community Center, 53633 State Highway 118, Study Butte, Texas**

Judge Cano announced the Special Commissioners Court Meeting on November 30, 2021, at 9:30 A.M. at the J.W. "Red" Pattillo Community Center in Study Butte, Texas.

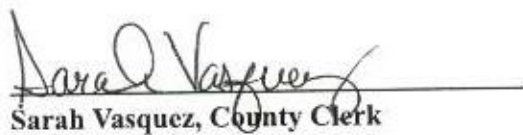
21. Adjourn

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.



Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk