

PUBLIC NOTICE

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020 AT 9:30 A.M.
BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
ALPINE, TEXAS**

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m., the following Elected Officials were present: Commissioner Esparza and Commissioner Ortega were absent.

Eleazar R. Cano	County Judge
Sara Allen Colando	Commissioner Pct. 2
Mike "Coach" Pallanez	Commissioner Pct. 4
Julie Morton	County Treasurer
Berta Rios-Martinez	County Clerk

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation and Pledge were led by Judge Cano.

2. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval

Commissioner Pallanez moved to approve Minutes for May 27, 2020. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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 public comment.

7. 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/ Discussion and appropriate action

Stephanie Elmore gave a brief update on the Emergency Management Department. She said there will be another COVID- 19 testing at the North Brewster County Emergency Response Center on Thursday, June 11, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ms. Elmore also requested a burn ban for 45 days. Commissioner Pallanez moved to approve the burn ban. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

B. Recommendation to Restrict Certain Fireworks Sales, prohibiting certain aerial fireworks in unincorporated areas of Brewster County under drought conditions / Discussion and appropriate action

Ms. Elmore recommended to restrict certain fireworks sales, prohibiting certain aerial fireworks in unincorporated areas of Brewster County under drought conditions. Commissioner Colando moved to restrict certain fireworks sales, prohibiting certain aerial fireworks in unincorporated areas of Brewster County under drought conditions. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

C. Discussion and appropriate action for work of Emergency Management Department to go forward

No action.

4. Review and approve Blight Pest Control Service agreement for Brewster County Jail, Sheriff's Office & J.W. "Red" Pattillo Community Center / Discussion and appropriate Action

Jesus Quezada with Blight Pest Control Service gave a presentation. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the service agreement with Blight Pest Control for the remainder of the fiscal year. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Judge Cano changed the dates to June 2020 through September 2020.

5. Texas Association of Counties / TAC HEBP Health Plan Renewal Plan Year 2021 / Discussion and appropriate action

Mindy Seahorn with Texas Association of Counties gave a presentation on the TAC HEBP Health Plan Renewal Plan Year 2021. She said for the October 1 renewal Brewster County was approved for a 1% decrease in rates. Mrs. Seahorn said the deadline to renew the health insurance is June 30, 2020. No action taken.

6. Update on Coronavirus (COVID-19) by Dr. Etko Escovar, County Health Authority / Discussion and appropriate action

Dr. Etko Escovar, County Health Authority, gave an update on Coronavirus via telephone.

8. Recognitions & Announcements

A. Announce that Judge Cano has been appointed to serve on the Unified Scoring Committee and represent the Rio Grande Council of Governments area at the pleasure of the Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller

Annette Gutierrez, Executive Director for the Rio Grande Council of Governments, announced via telephone that Judge Cano has been appointed to serve on the Unified Scoring Committee and represent the Rio Grande Council of Governments area at

the pleasure of the Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller. She said the representative needed to be an Elected Official and needed to be residing in a non entitle community, which means that their population was less than 50,000. He was nominated in April. Ms. Gutierrez mentioned he is required to attend a meeting in New Braunfels on July 7, 2020, where the 24 representatives throughout the State of Texas will need to decide on what the scoring objectives will be for grant applications to the Texas Department of Agriculture in the coming year.

9. 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 Causey gave an update on the Road & Bridge Department. He said they put up 7 new stop signs at the intersections in Double Diamond, including four-way stops which the residents requested. Judge Cano mentioned to Superintendent Causey about having a workshop for the Road & Bridge Department to plan future projects and draft a budget.

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

No action.

10. Community Facilities Report

A. General Report

Judge Cano gave a brief report on the community facilities on behalf of Johnny Valencia. He said they will be installing a bulletin board outside the courthouse to put all the agendas and postings.

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

No action.

11. 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 Reports as Requested by Commissioners	Grants Reports

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, presented the monthly reports for March 2020. She said at the end of March is half way through the budget year for 2020. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the treasurer's monthly reports for March 2020. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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

No action.

14. Approve Brewster County Grant Policies and Procedures / Discussion and appropriate action

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, requested approval of the Brewster County Grant Policies and Procedures. Commissioner Colando suggested to table the item so commissioners can read over the policies and procedures. Commissioner Colando moved to table the agenda item. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

12. Officials' Monthly Reports

Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk, presented the Officials' Monthly Reports. Commissioner Colando read the Officials' Monthly Reports into record. Commissioner Pallanez moved to approve as read. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

13. Brewster County Auditor**A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action**

Paty Saenz presented the general bills. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the general bills and walk-ins as presented. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

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

**Budget Amendments
Other Financial Reports as Requested
by Commissioners**

Line Item Transfers

Paty Saenz and Patricia Roach, County Auditor, presented one line item transfer. She said they will transfer \$3,300 out of the Juries account, put \$3,130 into Liability/Prop/General Insurance, and put \$170 into Professional Services. This will cover insurance costs and COBRA administration fees, respectively. Commissioner Pallanez moved to approve the line item transfers as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Court recessed at 11:51 a.m.
Court reconvened at 12:00 p.m.

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

No action.

15. 2021 Budget Workshop (2nd Budget Workshop) / Discussion concerning all aspects of County revenues/expenditures and upcoming financial needs for all county departments and other entities funded by the County / Scheduling issues related to adoption of Budget and setting Tax Rate

A. Review of Elected Officials Salaries for 2020-2021 / Discussion Only

Judge Cano and commissioners reviewed the Elected Officials Salaries for 2020-2021. Judge Cano said there will be no changes to any of the salaries recommended for this coming fiscal year. However, he said the only change that has occurred is because a newly elected county official will be coming in to the Elected Officials category for our constable in Precinct 1 Nick Harrison. Judge Cano said they will be publishing the Elected Officials Salaries in a paper of record, as required by law.

B. Review of Preliminary Budget & Review Projections / Discussion Only

Judge Cano discussed the Preliminary Budget & Projections. He presented a copy of the Preliminary budget so the commissioners can review it.

C. Update on 2020-2021 Budget & Tax Rate Planning Calendar that was approved on May 21, 2020 / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano gave an update on the 2020-2021 Budget & Tax Rate Planning Calendar that was approved on May 21, 2020. He said there was only one change in the revised calendar. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the revised Budget & Tax Rate

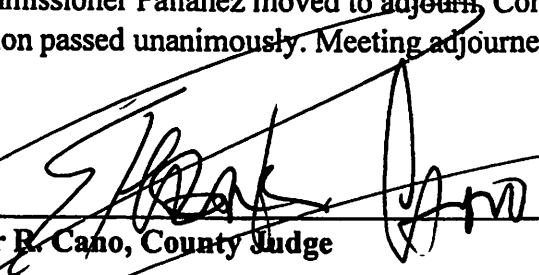
Planning Calendar. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

16. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on June 24, 2020 at 9:30 A.M.

Judge Cano said the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting will be June 24, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

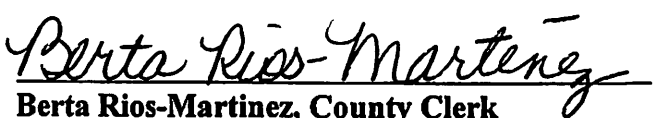
17. Adjourn

Commissioner Pallanez moved to adjourn, Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:29 PM.



Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk