

PUBLIC NOTICE

**EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT
FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M.
BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
ALPINE, TEXAS**

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m., the following Elected Officials were present:

Eleazar R. Cano	County Judge
Betse Esparza	Commissioner Pct. 1
Sara Allen Colando	Commissioner Pct. 2
Ruben Ortega	Commissioner Pct. 3
Mike "Coach" Pallanez	Commissioner Pct. 4
Berta Rios-Martinez	County Clerk

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation and Pledge were led by Judge Cano.

2. 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

Judge Cano read the poem "And the People Stayed Home" by Kitty O'Meara.

Dr. Escovar, the leading physician gave an update on the COVID-19 situation.

Rick Flores, CEO of the Big Bend Regional Medical Center, also gave an update on the COVID-19 situation.

Carol Petterson voiced her concern on the COVID-19 situation. She asked the court to reconsider not closing the hotels.

Robert Alvarez, Executive Director of the Brewster County Tourism Council & Visit Big Bend, voiced his concern on closing the hotels in South County.

JP Bryan called via phone to voice his concern on the closing of hotels.

Commissioner Colando read a letter to the commissioners from Daryl Eby, owner of Big Bend Vacation Rentals, who voiced his support for the closing of the hotels.

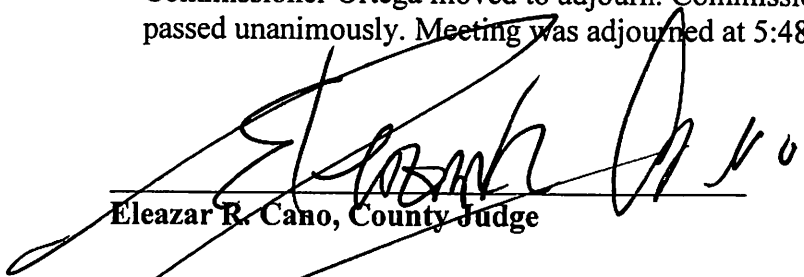
3. Review & Amend Declaration as needed / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano and commissioners reviewed the Amended Declaration as needed. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the amended Declaration section 13 on Monday, March 23, 2020 by 12:00 p.m. this declaration hereby mandates hotels/motels and short-terms rentals to close and vacate their guests through Thursday, April 2, 2020. Only exception being if guests have established rental unit as primary place of residence. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Ortega opposed.

Commissioner Colando moved to approve Section 14 on Monday, March 23, 2020 by 12:00 p.m. this declaration hereby mandates RV Parks/Campgrounds to close and vacate their guests through Thursday, April 2, 2020 unless the guests have established a primary place of residence at the designated rental location. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

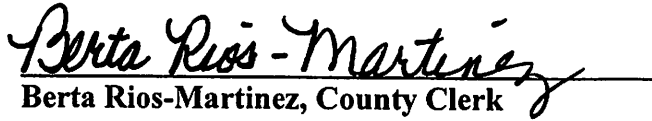
4. Adjourn

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 5:48 PM.



Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk