

PUBLIC NOTICE

**EMERGENCY MEETING DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) EPIDEMIC
OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
WEDNESDAY, March 25, 2020 at 4:30 P.M.
BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
ALPINE, TEXAS**

Pursuant to Section 551.045, Government Code, the Brewster County Commissioners Court will convene in an emergency meeting to consider appropriate action to respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Epidemic

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m., the following Elected Officials were present: Commissioner Colando was via telephone.

**Eleazar R. Cano
Betse Esparza
Ruben Ortega
Mike "Coach" Pallanez**

**County Judge
Commissioner Pct. 1
Commissioner Pct. 3
Commissioner Pct. 4**

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 an email from Daryl Eby, of Big Bend Vacation Rentals in South County into record. Mr. Eby thanked Judge Cano and commissioners for their continued leadership, bravery and wisdom in service in being willing to consider and make difficult decisions and rulings in this unprecedented crisis.

3. Deliberate and take action related to the declaration of a local disaster for public health emergency due to a novel coronavirus, now designate SARS-CoV2 which causes the disease COVID-19 to spread within the community and poses an imminent threat to public health and safety issued on March 25, 2020, including but not limited to approving and continuing County Judge Cano's declaration of a local disaster for public health emergency as certified by the Governor of Texas' disaster proclamations, pursuant to Chapter 418, Government Code.

Judge Cano gave a quick recap on the actual order, the Declaration that was signed by him earlier this month was redrafted by the attorneys after a couple of meetings this morning. He said he signed off on the Order on March 25, 2020 and he read the Order into record. Judge Cano and commissioners voted on the continuation of the Order that he

read into record. Commissioner Ortega moved to allow Eleazar R. Cano, as County Judge to continue to act as county judge in an extension of the Declaration of the Local State of Disaster. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Judge Cano read the Order by the County Judge of Brewster County into record. Judge Cano said as far as this Order and the order he signed initially for Declaration, any subsequent orders or amendments to amend that order does not require the commissioners court approval. He said basically as a courtesy anytime there is a change he will share with commissioners court if possible at the next regular schedule commissioners court meeting which that will keep us from coming back to an emergency meeting. Judge Cano said once the court agreed to the Order that he as County Judge act on your behalf to continue to function throughout the process. He said there is no change in the Order and is not needing approval.

4. Adjourn

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:54 PM.



Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:

Berta Rios-Martinez
Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk