

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 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 9:37 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](http://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. Commissioner Westermann led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

**2. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval**

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the May 10, 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Pallanez moved to approve the May 17, 2022, meeting minutes. Commissioner Westermann 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. Recognitions & Announcements**

**A. Election day (May 24th, 2022)**

Judge Cano announced election day is today, May 24, 2022, from 7 am to 7 pm.

**B. Cyber Security Training – any questions or concerns contact David Miller Court House Security**

Judge Cano announced a reminder to complete the Cyber Security Training due to the deadline being the first week of June.

Commissioner Colando announced Mammos On The Move will be in Terlingua on June 7, 2022, and Alpine on June 8, 2022.

Judge Cano announced May 27, 2022, will be graduation for Alpine High School.

Commissioner Colando recognized the Road and Bridge Department for their positivity and hard work during County Cleanup Day, Candus Cornett for the t-shirt design, and Don Baucham of DB's Rustic Iron BBQ for donating lunch.

**5. Emergency Management Department**

**A. 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, presented the General Report for the Emergency Management Department. Current Covid19 statistics: 275 probable active cases, and 29 local fatalities since the onset of the pandemic.

#### **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.

**B. Approval of contract with Tallent Roofing Inc. for the roof replacement at the Alpine Road and Bridge yard / Discussion and appropriate action**

Judge Cano presented the contract with Tallent Roofing Inc. for the roof replacement at the Road & Bridge yard in Alpine. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**C. Approval of contract with Tallent Roofing Inc. for the roof replacement at the Sheriff Office / Discussion and appropriate action**

No action.

#### **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**

No reports.

#### **9. Texas Association of Counties / Presentation by Mindy Seahorn**

**A. TAC HEBP Health Plan Renewal for FY 23 / Discussion and appropriate action**

Mindy Seahorn, Seahorn & Herring Insurance Associates, LLP, presented the TAC HEBP Health Plan Renewal for FY 2023. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the current renewal rate effective October 1, 2022. Judge Cano seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**B. TAC Healthy County / County Specific Incentive Program for FY 23/ Discussion and appropriate action**

Commissioner Pallanez moved to approve the County Specific Incentive Program for FY 2023. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**10. 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.

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

Auditor Roach presented a Budget Amendment to move money for Road and Bridge. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Auditor Roach presented a Budget Amendment for the County Attorney's Office. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Budget Amendment 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**

None.

Court recessed at 10:48 am

Court reconvened at 11:08 am

**14. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent/ Activity Report/ Discussion Only**

Luke Hendryx, Extension Agent, presented the third graders from Alpine Elementary. Judge Cano took questions from the students.

**15. Cooperative Contract Agreement between Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Brewster County / Discussion and appropriate action**

Extension Agent Hendryx presented the Cooperative Contract Agreement with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the cooperative agreement as presented. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**11. Lee King President and Walter Kuykendall Program Manager of Emergent Air to present EMS update / Discussion only**

Walter Kuykendall, Program Manager of Emergent Air, presented an EMS report for May 2022 operations.

**12. Big Bend Regional Hospital District, EMS agency analysis / Discussion and appropriate action**

JD Newsom, Executive Director for Big Bend Regional Hospital District, presented the regional EMS agency analysis.

**13. JD Newsom to discuss USDA Emergency Rural Health Care Grant / Discussion only**

Mr. Newsom announced the USDA Emergency Rural Health Care Grant was awarded.

**16. Presentation by Vanessa Alarcon with Gibson Ruddock Patterson, LLC (GRP) for 2019 audit / Discussion and appropriate action**

Vanessa Alarcon, Gibson Ruddock Patterson, LLC, presented the 2019 audit. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the 2019 audit as presented. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**17. Officials' Monthly Reports**

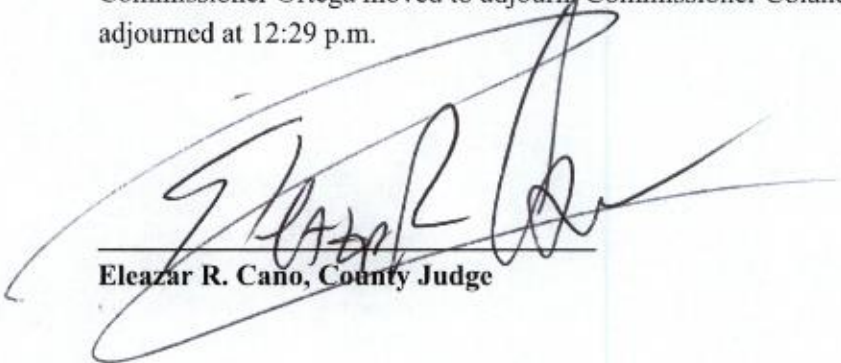
Commissioner Ortega read the Officials' Monthly Reports and moved to approve as read. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**18. Scheduled Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on June 14, 2022 at 9: 30A.M**

Judge Cano announced the next Regular Commissioners Court meeting on June 14, 2022, at 9:30 A.M. Commissioner Ortega announced he will be absent due to continuing education. Commissioner Colando announced that she will also be absent.

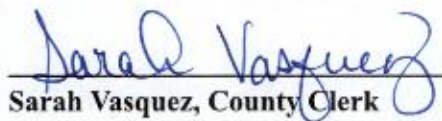
**19. Adjourn**

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.



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Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



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Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk