

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M.
J.W. "RED" PATTILLO CENTER 53633 STATE HIGHWAY 118
STUDY BUTTE, TEXAS**

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m., the following Elected Officials were present:

Eleazar R. Cano	County Judge
Jim Westermann	Commissioner Pct. 1
Sara Allen Colando	Commissioner Pct. 2
Mike "Coach" Pallanez	Commissioner Pct. 4
Sarah Vasquez	County Clerk

Ruben Ortega, Commissioner Pct. 3, was absent.

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. Commissioner Westermann led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

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

Daryl Eby, Big Bend Vacation Rentals, made a public comment opposing the Brewster County Tourism Council's bylaws.

3. Recognitions & Announcements

Commissioner Pallanez announced that new dry hydrants in Double Diamond should be finished within a month. Judge Cano announced that County offices will be closed for the holidays on December 23-27, 2021, and December 31, 2021, & January 3, 2022. Judge Cano announced the tree lighting event on December 4, 2021 at the County Courthouse in Alpine.

4. Brewster County Tourism

A. Report from Robert Alvarez, Executive Director:

General update, travel shows, marketing, finances, visitation status, project reports; personnel issues, (vacancies, new hires and performance)

Robert Alvarez, Executive Director of Brewster County Tourism Council (BCTC), reported a general update. Tom Williams, Vice President of the BCTC, spoke on the history of how the Council was created and why. Barbara Trammell, Secretary/Treasurer of the BCTC, spoke on how this is needed. Judge Cano scheduled a public workshop on February 15, 2022, at 9:30 AM at the J.W. "Red" Patillo Center with the Brewster County Tourism Council, followed by a special Commissioners Court meeting at 1:30 PM. Mark Chiles made a public comment on tourists visiting then buying property. Dean Willis made a public comment suggesting a tourism survey for just the locals to participate in.

B. Review and consider approval of Brewster County Tourism Council Bylaws, tabled on October 26, 2021 / Discussion and appropriate action

Mr. Alvarez presented the updated Brewster County Tourism Council Bylaws and the suggested Order from their attorney for the Commissioner Court to consider. Commissioner Colando stated that she had reviewed the bylaws with County Attorney Steve Houston and questioned whether the BCTC has authority to enter into contracts. Commissioner Colando moved to approve Brewster County Tourism Bylaws. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

C. Discussion and appropriate action for general work of Brewster County Tourism to go forward

No action.

5. Velocerus Technology Solutions Update on Brewster County IT

A. Discuss and consider agreement for migrating current email to Microsoft 365 Business Standard services from the Texas Association of Counties

Aaron Rodriguez, Velocerus Technology Solutions, presented the agreement for migrating current email. Previous approval budget was for \$10,460 yearly, but the new price is \$8,502. Commissioner Westermann moved to approve the agreement as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

B. Discuss and consider agreement for migrating current website to a Standard Website Package from the Texas Association of Counties

Mr. Rodriguez presented TAC's Standard Website Package. Judge Cano announced that Commissioner Colando will be the head of the committee to help steer this project. Commissioner Pallanez moved to approve purchase of Standard Website Package. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

C. Discuss and consider authorizing Brewster County to enter into leasing terms with Dell Financial Services to lease computers going forward

Mr. Rodriguez presented the leasing terms with Dell Financial Services. Commissioner Pallanez moved to approve the lease terms with Dell Financial Services. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

D. Discuss and consider adding new technology policies to Brewster County Handbook

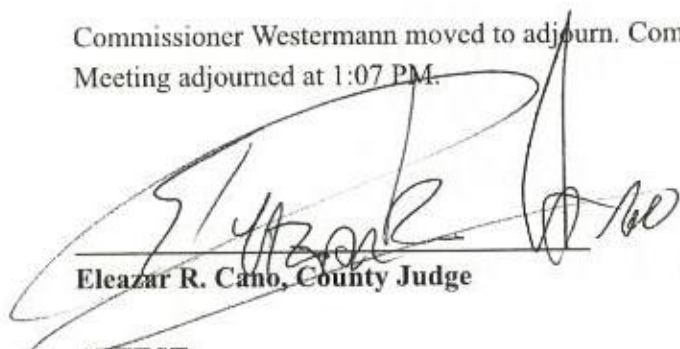
Mr. Rodriguez presented the new technology policies to the Brewster County Handbook. Judge Cano moved to approve adding the technology policy as presented to the Brewster County Handbook. Commissioner Pallanez seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

6. Presentation by Marshall McLean, Brewster County Septic Tank Inspector

Marshall McLean, Brewster County OSSF Inspector, presented on issues he is facing with "bootleg" OSSF systems and other violations. Population growing in South County will pull Mr. McLean's time in Terlingua more. Judge Cano suggested that the ARPA committee will look at the possibility of using those funds to create a budget for Mr. McLean to do more enforcement, since he is currently only paid with OSSF permit application fees. Judge Cano announced this topic should also be part of the February 15, 2022 meeting.

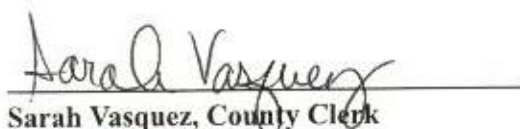
7. Adjourn

Commissioner Westermann moved to adjourn. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 1:07 PM.



Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:



Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk