#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

# SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020 AT 9:30 A.M. BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM ALPINE, TEXAS

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 9:46 a.m., the following Elected Officials were present:

County Judge Eleazar R. Cano Commissioner Pct. 1 Betse Esparza Sara Allen Colando Commissioner Pct. 2 Ruben Ortega Commissioner Pct. 3 Mike "Coach" Pallanez Commissioner Pct. 4 Julie Morton **County Treasurer Betty Jo Rooney** County Tax Assessor/Collector **Rerta Rios-Martinez County Clerk** 

In accordance with section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, Governor Abbott has suspended various provisions that require government officials and members of the public to be physically present at a specified meeting location. As a result, all or some government officials may participate via Zoom.

Additionally, members of the public are encouraged to watch the meetings live online, at the <a href="https://www.brewstercountytx.com">www.brewstercountytx.com</a> or <a href="https://www.brewstercountytx.com">Brewster County</a>, <a href="https://www.brewstercountytx.com">Texas</a> (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:

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

No public comment.

3. Discuss and approve in conjunction with Local Government Code, Section 381.004, Texas Property Code, Section 74.602 authorizing the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to allocate a portion of the unclaimed capital credits received from electric cooperatives back to the counties in the cooperatives' service area / Discussion and appropriate action

Patty Roach, County Auditor, presented a County Request for Capital Credits. She requested

approval to request that the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts allocate a portion of the unclaimed capital credits received from electric cooperatives back to the counties in the cooperatives' services area. Auditor Roach said the deadline is July 31, 2020. The funds have to be spent in specific ways such as local economic development, stimulate business, literacy programs and other programs in the county. Commissioner Esparza moved to approve the County Request for Capital Credits. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

4. Brewster County Central Appraisal District / Presentation of 2020 Certified Values / Discussion and appropriate action

Denise Flores, Chief Appraiser, presented the 2020 Certified Values.

- 5. Brewster County Tax Assessor Collector
  - A. Presentation of 2020 Certified Tax Roll / Discussion and appropriate action

Betty Jo Rooney, County Tax Assessor Collector, presented the 2020 Certified Tax Roll.

B. Present and discuss tax rate calculations for 2020

No action.

C. Propose 2020 Tax Dates for Hearing (1st Tax Rate Hearing, August 26, 2020 and 2nd Tax Rate Hearing September 9, 2020) / Discussion and appropriate action

No action.

D. Propose Date of vote to set Tax Rate (September 9, 2020) / Discussion and appropriate action

No action.

- 6. 2021 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 preliminary budget and revenue projections / Discussion and appropriate action

Patty Roach, County Auditor, presented and reviewed the preliminary budget and revenue projections.

B. Approve Budget Hearing Dates (August 26th, 2020 and September 9, 2020, if

### necessary) / Discussion and appropriate action

Judge Cano said the next Budget Hearing Dates will be August 26, 2020 & September 9, 2020 if necessary.

# 7. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting, August 12, 2020, at 9:30 A.M.

Judge Cano said the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting will be August 12, 2020 at 9:30 A.M.

## 8. Adjourn

Commissioner Pallanez moved to adjourn. Commissioner Esparza seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge

ATTEST:

Berta Rios-Martinez, County Clerk