**BREWSTER COUNTY**

**COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**JIM WESTERMANN SARA COLANDO**

**Commissioner, Pct.1 Commissioner, Pct. 2**

**RUBEN ORTEGA MO MORROW**

**Commissioner, Pct. 3 Commissioner, Pct.4**

**GREG P. HENINGTON**

**County Judge**

**Regular Commissioners Meeting: March 26, 2024, at 9:30 A.M.**

**Brewster County Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom**

**201 W. Ave. E Alpine, Texas 79830**

**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order – Judge Greg P. Henington**

Judge Heningtion called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.; the following Elected Officials were present:

Greg Henington County Judge

Jim Westermann Commissioner Pct. 1

Sara Allen Colando Commissioner Pct. 2

Ruben Ortega Commissioner Pct. 3

Sarah Vasquez County Clerk

William “Mo” Morrow, Commissioner Pct. 4, was absent.

**2. Invocation**

Invocation by Judge Henington.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were led by Judge Henington.

**4. Review, discuss and take action to approve Commissioners Court Meeting minutes from:**

**a. February 13, 2024**

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve February 13, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion;

motion passed 4-0.

**b. March 12, 2024**

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve March 12, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion;

motion passed 4-0.

**5. Public Comment—Comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. Members of the public are also welcome to participate in public comment by calling 432-244-6663**

None.

**6. Recognition & Announcements**

Commissioner Westermann announced the Old Sheriff’s Jail Museum in Fort Davis will be opened on April 13, 2024, from 11 AM - 2 PM.

**7. County Judge Report – for informational purposes only**

Judge Henington announced he will cover this under the Audit Task Force agenda item #18D.

**8. Review, discuss and take possible action regarding Project List**

Judge Henington stated no update to the list.

Commissioner Ortega requested a payment for materials be sent to the Marathon Fire Department.

Commissioner Westermann announced the North Brewster County Emergency Response Center construction is near completion.

Judge Henington announced a health clinic in Terlingua to be open once a week at the South Brewster County Emergency Response Center.

**9. Presentation by Big Bend National Park Superintendent regarding Chisos Lodge closure. Report only**

Chad Tinney, Acting Superintendent of Big Bend National Park, reported on the planned temporary closure of the Chisos Lodge beginning in 2025. Another presentation will be available for the public on Thursday, March 28 2024, at 6 PM at Big Bend Telephone Company’s conference room.

**11. Review, discuss and take possible action regarding funding for the Big Bend Library. Discussion and action related to splitting the budgeted amount of $27,000 between Big Bend Library and Big Bend Citizens Alliance.**

Commissioner Colando presented the funding split and the contract for library services with Big Bend Citizens Alliance. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the splitting budget amount of $27,000 evenly between Big Bend Library and Big Bend Citizens Alliance and approving the contract as presented. Judge Henington seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**12. Kayse Muratori, RGCOG GIS 911 Coordinator:**

**D. Program Updates**

Kayse Muratori, Rio Grande Council of Governments, and Adam Daley, Terlingua Common School District, announced Terlingua CSD will be a pilot school for the Texas Geographic Information Office’s new training for high school students. Terlingua will be part of the pilot to make it part of the curriculum for students and how it translates to 911 importance.

**A. Review, discuss and take appropriate action on following:**

**Add a new roadway to 9-1-1 MSAG Database:**

**“GLASSCOCK ROAD” located off “TERLINGUA SPRINGS ROAD”**

**2+ miles in length**

Ms. Muratori requested approval of the new 911 access roadway, “Glasscock Road.”

**B. Revise roadway spelling in 9-1-1 MSAG Database:**

**“ROCKRUSS ROAD” was misspelled. Should be “ROCKRUFF ROAD”**

**Approval of road was given on 2/14/2024**

Ms. Muratori requested approval of the corrected spelling of “Rockruff Road.”

**C. Add a new roadway to 9-1-1 MSAG Database:**

**“SPENCER ROAD” located off “HEN EGG ROAD”**

**1 mile in length**

Ms. Muratori requested approval of the new 911 access roadway, “Spencer Road.”

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the three roadway requests as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**D. Program Updates (continued)**

Ms. Muratori presented updates on the County Road map and user issues with Google Maps.

**10. Presentation regarding the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE)**

**Review, discuss and take possible action on a Resolution of Intent to establish the Brewster PACE Program**

Charlene Heydinger, President of the Texas PACE authority, presented the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE). Judge Henington moved to approve the Resolution of Intent and schedule a public hearing on May 28th at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**13. Review, discuss and take possible action to declare discarded items from the Tax Assessor’s Office as salvage, with no value.**

Judge Henington moved to declare the items as salvage with no value. Commissioner Westerman seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**14. Road & Bridge Department – Declare Salvage**

**a. Bean Sprayer 1985**

**b. Truck Beds**

1. **Gray 2013**
2. **Brown 2015**
3. **White 2021**
4. **White 2024**

Judge Henington moved to declare the items listed as salvage to be auctioned online. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**15. Road & Bridge Department**

**a. Superintendent’s Report**

Commissioner Ortega presented the Road and Bridge Department report on behalf of Superintendent Causey..

**b. Review, discuss and take appropriate action for general work / permits / contract of Road & Bridge Department**

None.

**16. Emergency Management Department**

**a. General Report – Emergency Management Coordinator**

Stephanie Elmore, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented an update on the Emergency Management

Department.

Judge Henington announced EMC Elmore will be leaving Brewster County to take a position with the U.S. Marshals.

**17. Treasurer’s Office**

**a. Financial Reports / Updates**

No reports.

**b. Discussion, review, and appropriate action related to financial administration and policies**

None.

**18. Brewster County Auditor**

**a. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action regarding to**

**1. Budget Amendments**

**2. Line-Item Adjustments**

Paty Saenz, Assistant Auditor, presented the general bills that have been paid and need to be paid including walk in. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the bills as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Westermann abstained from Branding West.

Ms Saenz presented line item transfers. Commissioner Westermann moved to approve the Line Item Transfers as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**b. Financial Reports / Updates**

None.

**c. Discussion, review, and appropriate action related to financial administration and policies**

None.

**d. Review, discuss and take possible action to increase allocation of funding for the Audit Task Force. Funds to come from budget surplus in the amount of $50,000**

Judge Henington presented an update on the Audit Task Force and requested an additional allocation of $50,000 for the contract labor. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the allocation as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**19. Brewster County Tourism**

**a. Report from Robert Alvarez, Executive Director:**

**General update, travel shows, marketing, finances, visitation status, project reports and issues**

None.

**b. Review, discuss and take appropriate action on approving the Fall 2024 UT Marketplace Exhibitor Agreement**

None.

**c. Discussion, review and take possible action for any contracts for Brewster County Tourism**

None.

**20. Closed meeting, if necessary**

**If, during the course of the meeting covered by the notice, the Commissioners Court needs to meet in executive session, then such closed or executive meeting or session, pursuant to Chapter 551, Government Code of Texas, will be held by the Commissioners Court on the date, hour, and place given in the notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this notice as the Court may conveniently meet in such closed or executive meeting or session convening and concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Chapter 551 of said Government Code.**

**If necessary, following any closed or executive meeting the Commissioners Court will convene in open session to take any final action, decision, or vote on any matter deliberated in closed meeting which has properly been noticed in compliance with Chapter 551 Government Code of Texas.**

None.

**21. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on April 9, 2024, at 9:30 A.M.**

Judge Henington announced the next Commissioners Court Meeting on April 9, 2024, at 9:30 AM.

**22. Adjourn**

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 A.M.

 **ATTEST:**

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**Greg P. Henington**

**Brewster County Judge Brewster County Clerk**