

**BREWSTER COUNTY
Commissioners Court**

JIM WESTERMANN
Commissioner, Pct. 1

RUBEN ORTEGA
Commissioner, Pct. 3



SARA COLANDO
Commissioner, Pct. 2

MO MORROW
Commissioner, Pct. 4

GREG P. HENINGTON
County Judge

Regular Commissioners Meeting: May 28, 2024, at 9:30 AM

**Brewster County Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom 201
W. Ave. E Alpine, Texas 79830**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Judge Henington called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.; the following Elected Officials were present:

Greg Henington, County Judge
Jim Westermann, Commissioner Pct. 1
Sara Allen Colando, Commissioner Pct. 2
William "Mo" Morrow, Commissioner Pct. 4
Julie Morton, County Treasurer
Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk

Ruben Ortega, Commissioner Pct. 3, 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 necessary action to approve previous meeting minutes

A. Commissioners Court Meeting of May 14, 2024

Commissioner Morrow moved to approve May 14, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Westermann 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 Morrow announced the Chief Appraiser Raymond Herrera has resigned. A new Chief Appraiser has been assigned. There are currently 300 protests filed.

Judge Henington announced the Appraisal District office has moved to 1604 West Highway 90 in Alpine.

7. County Judge Report - for informational purposes only

Judge Henington reported on the downtown fire that started on Sunday, around 3:30 PM. There were no casualties and the cause of the fire is still undetermined.

8. Brewster County Project List

A. Project List

No update.

9. Review, discuss and take possible action for an authorization to issue requests for proposal for administrative services (RFP) and requests for qualifications for engineering services (RFQ) for grant pre-application (Phase I), application (Phase II), and implementation services for Texas Community Development Grant Program for 2025/2026 Community Development Fund (and all eligible activities per the application guidance) as administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

A. Community Block Grant Data Sheet

Samantha Chumley, GrantWorks Service Manager, presented information on the Community Development Block Grant. The grant is eligible for the maximum of \$500,000. There will be another opportunity in the future for \$1,000,000 from the Colonia Grant to help with water, sewer, and roads. Judge Henington moved to approve the application for the Community Development Block grant. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

10. Review, discuss and take possible action to approve an addendum to JP 1 agreement with LGS regarding the addition of one user to the license.

The JP 1 office is asking to add one more user to their online software program.

A. Addendum

Judge Wassermann, Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, stated the price of a additional user license is \$640 for the rest of the year. Commissioner Colando moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

11. Review, discuss and take possible action regarding contract between Brewster County and PermianCare for Mental Health Deputy Services.

A. PermianCare Contract

Judge Henington presented the renewal contract for Mental Health Deputy services. Judge Henington moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

12. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to split the 2024 Budget amount of \$27,000 for the Big Bend Library into two funding amounts. One for \$13,500 to the Big Bend Library (Terlingua Common School District) and \$13,500 to the Big Bend Citizens Alliance. All funding continues to support library operations in South Brewster County.

A. Big Bend Library Agreement

Commissioner Colando presented the contract for services with Terlingua Common School District for library services. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

13. Marathon Chamber of Commerce - Presentation Only

Nadine Manhart, Marathon Chamber of Commerce Member, presented an update.

14. Kayse Muratori, 9-1-1 GIS Coordinator:

A. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to add a new roadway to 9-1-1 MSAG Database: "DESOLATE ROAD" located off "HEN EGG ROAD" 2+/- miles in length

Kayse Muratori, 911 GIS Coordinator, presented via Zoom the road map of Desolate Rd in Precinct 2. There are still some properties that are land locked, but will be addressed when requested by owners. Commissioner Colando moved to approve adding Desolate Rd to the 911 map, as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

B. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to add a new roadway to 9-1-1 MSAG Database: "CELL TOWER ROAD" located off "LOVERS LANE," then "COPPERSTONE ROAD," to "STATE HIGHWAY 118."

0.5 +/- miles in length

Ms Muratori presented via Zoom the road map of Cell Tower Rd in Precinct 2. Commissioner Colando moved to approve adding Cell Tower Rd to the 911 map, as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

- C. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to add a new roadway to 9-1-1 MSAG Database:
"THUNDER ROAD" located off "TERLINGUA RANCH ROAD."
0.25 +/- miles in length**

No action due to incomplete procedure.

- D. Program Update / No action required**

Ms Muratori stated there are bad addresses throughout the county. The State is mandating that her office correct all addresses before there is no longer an option to fix the issues.

15. Road & Bridge Department

- A. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Frenchie Causey presented the Road and Bridge Department report.

- 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**

No report.

17. Treasurer's Office

- A. Treasurer's Report - April, 2024**

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Monthly Report for April 2024. Commissioner Colando moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

- A. 2025 Budget Timeline**

Judge Henington announced the 2025 budgets will be emailed out to the Department Heads.

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

18. Brewster County Acting Comptroller

Judge Henington announced the new acting Comptroller, Mike Atwood.

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action regarding to

Paty Saenz, Assistant Auditor, presented the general bills including walk-ins. Commissioner Westermann moved to approve the bills as presented including walk-ins. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Westermann abstained from Branding West.

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| | 18.A.1. | Budget Amendments |
| None. | 18.A.2. | Line-Item Adjustments |

Assistant Auditor Saenz presented the line-item transfer. Judge Henington moved to approve the line-item transfer 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.

19. Brewster County Tourism

A. Report from Robert Alvarez, Executive Director: General update, travel shows, marketing, finances, visitation status, project reports and issues

Robert Alvarez, Brewster County Tourism Executive Director, presented a general update.

B. Review, discuss and take possible action to approve a advertising contract with Adventure Outdoors

Mr. Alvarez presented the Adventure Outdoors contract. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the Adventures Outdoors contract as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

C. Review, discuss and take possible action to amend Brewster County By-Laws

Judge Henington suggested putting in the bylaws that there are no closed meetings by remote session. Judge Henington moved to approve in the bylaw amendments, including that closed meetings must be held in-person. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

20. Closed meeting of Commissioners Court, 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.

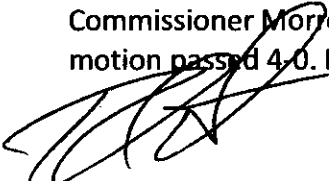
If necessary, following any closed or executive meeting the Commissioners Court will convene in open session to take any final action, decision, or vote on any matter deliberated in closed meeting which has properly been noticed in compliance with Chapter 551 Government Code of Texas.


21. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on June 11, 2024 at 9:30 A.M.

Judge Henington announced the Special Commissioners Court Meeting on June 4, 2024, at 9:30 AM. The next regular Commissioners Court will be on June 11, 2024, at 9:30 AM. Commissioner Ortega will run the meeting due to Judge Henington's absence.

22. Adjourn

Commissioner Morrow moved to Adjourn. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM.


~~Greg P. Henington~~
~~Brewster County Judge~~
COMMISSIONER ORTEGA
PRECINCT 3

ATTEST:

Sarah Vasquez
Brewster County Clerk

