

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: June 11, 2024, at 9:30 AM

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

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Ortega

called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m.; the following Elected Officials were present:

Jim Westermann, Commissioner Pct. 1

Sara Allen Colando, Commissioner Pct. 2

Ruben Ortega, Commissioner Pct. 3

William "Mo" Morrow, Commissioner Pct. 4

Julie Morton, County Treasurer

Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk

Greg Henington, County Judge, was absent.

2. Invocation

Invocation by Commissioner Morrow.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge were led by Commissioner Ortega.

4. Review, discuss and take necessary action to approve previous meeting minutes

Commissioner Morrow moved to approve the minutes from May 28, 2024, and June 4, 2024.

Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

A. Commissioners Court Meeting of May 28, 2024

B. Special Commissioners Court Meeting of June 4, 2024

5. Public Comment - Comments are limited to 5 minutes per person.

No comment.

6. Recognition & Announcements

Commissioner Westermann recognized the Road and Bridge Department for the rain gauge that was put going towards the Christian School.

7. Review, discuss and take possible action to participate in Texas Broadband Development Office's Technical Assistance Program; approval to establish broadband committee to review possible grant opportunities.

A. Broadband summary sheet

Peggy O'Brian, Texas Broadband Development representative, presented grant opportunities to establish broadband within Brewster County. Judge Henington and Mrs. O'Brian are on the committee. The committee must have one elected official and an appointed community leader. Mrs. O'Brian is currently a placeholder Commissioner Westermann moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion 4-0.

8. Review, discuss and take possible action to declare the following items as salvage and available for sale, donation or disposal.

A. Radio equipment located in Alpine Emergency Operations Center no longer in use - to be donated to the Big Bend Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Commissioner Ortega presented the radios to be declared salvageable. Commissioner Westermann moved to approve radios as salvageable and to be donated to Big Bend Radio Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

B. Electronic equipment located in the basement of the tax assessor's office - to be disposed of via third party vendor or auction

Commissioner Colando moved to declare items as salvageable and auction off. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

9. Review, discuss and take appropriate action on the replat of the West half of Block 26 Anderson Addition to Marathon

A. West Half of Block 26 Anderson Addition to Marathon (survey)

Ned Allen, Saw Tooth Survey employee, presented the preliminary plat application.

B. Preliminary Replat of the West half of Block 26 Anderson Addition to Marathon

Commissioner Westermann moved to approve the preliminary plat as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

10. Review, discuss and take possible action regarding county employee health care rates for the 2025 fiscal year.

A. HEBP FY 25 Renewal Rates

Mindy Seahorn, Health Benefits representative, presented renewal rates, which are down 2% from last year. The deadline for renewal is June 28, 2024. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the renewal rates as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

11. 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

Commissioner Ortega announced COG has changed how the grant money process will be handled. Ortega will send a total amount of the expense bill and COG will reimburse the county for a certain amount. The rest of the bill will be paid out of the ELATA fund.

12. Emergency Management Department

A. General Report - Emergency Management Coordinator

James Etchinson, Emergency Management Coordinator, was absent.

13. Treasurer's Office

A. Financial Reports / Updates

No reports.

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

14. Brewster County Acting Comptroller

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action regarding to

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

1. Budget Amendments

2. Line-Item Adjustments

B. Financial Reports / Updates

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

15. 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, was absent.

16. 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.

17. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on June 25, 2024 at 9:30 AM.

Commissioner Ortega announced the next Commissioners Court Meeting on June 25, 2024, at

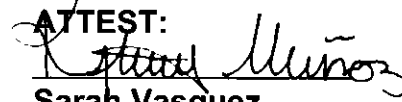
9:30 AM. Commissioner Ortega asked for Geni Brito, Judge's Executive Administrator, to put the final plat on the next agenda.

18. Adjourn

Commissioner Colando moved to Adjourn. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:09 AM.



Greg P. Henington
Brewster County Judge

ATTEST:


~~--Sarah Vasquez~~
~~--Brewster County Clerk~~

Katrina Muñoz, Deputy Clerk

