

**BREWSTER COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**JIM WESTERMANN**  
Commissioner, Pct.1



**SARA COLANDO**  
Commissioner, Pct. 2

**RUBEN ORTEGA**  
Commissioner, Pct. 3

**MO MORROW**  
Commissioner, Pct.4

**GREG P. HENINGTON**  
County Judge

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

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

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**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order**

Judge Henington called the meeting to order at 9:31 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  
Mo Morrow    Commissioner Pct. 4  
Sarah Vasquez    County Clerk  
Julie Morton    County Treasurer

**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 June 25, 2024.**

Judge Henington presented June 25, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the June 25, 2024. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**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**

Judge Henington recognized Superintendent Frenchie Causey's last Commissioners Court meeting before retirement.

Commissioner Morrow recognized the Brewster County Sheriff Department for apprehending the suspected arsonist.

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

Judge Henington recognized the successful 4th of July on the Courthouse grounds and the successful fundraiser for Terlingua Fire & EMS.

**8. Brewster County Project List****A. Project List as of 7/9/24**

Judge Henington announced the Jail Generator project is completed and the cybersecurity project is in Phase 1.

**9. Kayse Muratori, 9-1-1 GIS Coordinator:****A. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to rename existing roadway in the 9-1-1 MSAG****Database:**

- "HUMATE ROAD" located between "GATE 2 ROAD" & "ICE CREAM MOUNTAIN LOOP."
- Rename to "HORNED TOAD HILL"
- The roadway is privately owned and is frequently confused to be the access for the Humate Mine, which it is not.

Kayse Muratori, 911 GIS Coordinator, presented a road name change. Judge Henington moved to approve the name change from Humate Road to Horned Toad Hill. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**B. Program Updates; Discussion only**

Ms. Muratori presented a general update.

**10. Review, discuss and take possible action to enter into an agreement allowing the US Veterans Affairs to use Brewster County office facilities for counseling and other veteran matters.****A. Revocable License for use of Property Granted to U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs El Paso Vet Center 707**

Judge Henington presented the license for the Veterans Affairs. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the license as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion 5-0.

**11. Review, discuss and take possible action to ratify a grant agreement with The Yarborough Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 for Sheriff's Department tires****A. The Yarborough Foundation Grant Agreement**

Judge Henington presented the ratification of the grant agreement. Commissioner Morrow moved to approve the ratification of the grant agreement. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion 5-0.

**12. Emergency Management Department****A. General Report - Emergency Management Coordinator**

James Etchinson, Emergency Management Coordinator, was absent due to training.

**13. Treasurer's Office****A. Financial Reports / Updates**

No reports.

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

None.

**14. Brewster County Assistant Auditor****A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action regarding to**

Paty Seanz, Assistant Auditor, presented the general bills and walk-ins. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the bills as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Ortega abstained from Pinnacle Propane. Commissioner Westermann abstained from Branding West.

**1. Budget Amendments**

None.

**2. Line-Item Adjustments**

None.

**B. Financial Reports / Updates**

None.

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

None.

**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, Executive Director, presented a general report on Brewster County Tourism.

**B. Review, discuss and take possible action regarding tipping policy for tourism activities**

**1. Gratuity Policy**

Mr. Alvarez and Judge Henington presented a policy update for the reimbursement of gratuities for small groups. Commissioner Morrow moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**16. 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.

**17. 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.**

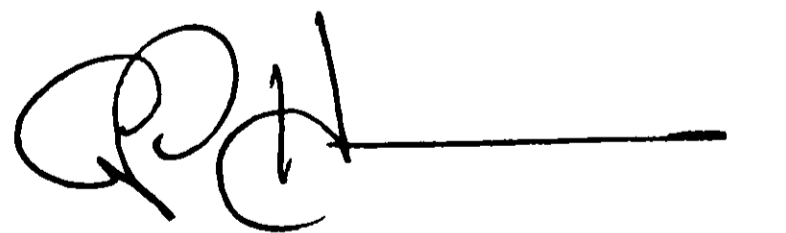
**If necessary, following any closed or executive meeting the Commissioners Court will convene in open session to take any final action, decision, or vote on any matter deliberated in closed meeting which has properly been noticed in compliance with Chapter 551 Government Code of Texas.**

**18. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on July 23, 2024 at 9:30 AM.**

Judge Henington announced the next Commissioners Court Meeting on July 23, 2024, at 9:30 AM.

**19. Adjourn**

Commissioner Ortega moved to Adjourn. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM.



**Greg P. Henington**  
Brewster County Judge

ATTEST:



**Sarah Vasquez**  
Brewster County Clerk

