**BREWSTER COUNTY**

**COMMISSIONERS COURT**

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**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: November 26, 2024, at 9:30 A.M.**

**Brewster County Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom**

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

**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order**

Commissioner Ortega called the meeting to order at 9:30 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**

**A. Commissioners Court Meeting of November 12, 2024**

**B. Special Commissioners Court Meeting of November 19, 2024**

Commissioner Morrow moved to approve the Minutes of November 19, 2024 and November 12, 2024, as presented. 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. Report from City of Alpine representative; discussion only, no action required**

None.

**7. Recognition & Announcements**

None.

**8. Kayse Muratori, 9-1-1 GIS Coordinator:**

**A. Review, discuss and take possible action on adding the following roadways for Lajitas Resort (WELL CREEK SUBDIVISION)**

• **"HERRADURA ROAD" located off Needle Peak Road**

• **"LATIGO COURT" located off Needle Peak Road**

• **"TAPADERO COURT" located off Needle Peak Road**

• **"CAIRN VIEW" located off Well Spring Road**

• **"SADDLEHORN COURT" located off Getaway Road**

• **"CORRIENTE COURT" located off Getaway Road**

• **"GETAWAY ROAD" located off Well Spring Road**

Kayse Muratori, 911 GIS Coordinator, presented roadways for Lajitas Resort. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the private roadways for Well Creek Subdivision at Lajitas Resort as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**B. Add new roadways for Bee Mt Estates (existing Plat)**

• **"DOVE STREET" located off Jack North Road**

• **"EAGLE STREET" located off Jack North Road**

Ms. Muratori presented roadways for Bee Mt. Estates. Commissioner Colando moved to approve adding the private roadways for Bee Mt Estates as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**C. Add new roadways for East Rim Ranch**

• **"SANTIAGO VIEW ROAD" located off State HWY 118**

• **"FOUR CORNERS ROAD" located off newly named Santiago View Road**

• **"HARDROCK CROSSING" located off newly named Four Corners Road**

• **"OVERLOOK DRAW" located off newly named Four Corners Road** • **"ERR QUARRY ROAD" located off State HWY 118**

Ms. Muratori, presented roadways for East Rim Ranch. Commissioner Colando moved to approve adding the new private roadways for East Rim Ranch as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**D. Program Updates/ Discussion only**

Ms. Muratori presented a general program update.

**9. Discuss and take action regarding new jail contracts for fiscal year 2025:**

**A. Ector Housing Contract**

**B. Pecos Housing Contract**

**C. Terrell Housing Contract**

Commissioner Colando moved to approve all three contracts as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

Jose Gutierrez, Jail Administrator, presented the contracts and updates of the new Terrell Housing Contract.

**10. Discuss and take action to approve award to select engineering/architectural/surveying service provider(s) for grant pre application, application, and project implementation for the Brewster County 2025 Colonia Fund: Construction Grant Fund Program funded and administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture**

**A. Resolution**

Commissioner Westermann moved to accept Jacob & Martin for the 2025 Colonia Fund grant program. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

Commissioner Ortega read the resolution into the minutes. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the resolution as read. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

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**11. Discuss and approve a resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Grant Development Grant Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Development Fund.**

**A. Resolution**

Commissioner Ortega read the resolution into the minutes. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the resolution as read. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**12. Discuss and take action to adopt a resolution authorizing submitting a Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) application to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for the 2025 Colonia Fund:**

**Construction(CFC) program. This application includes a $15,000 matching requirement by Brewster County.**

**A. Application**

Commissioner Ortega read the resolution into the minutes. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the resolution as read. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**13. Road & Bridge Department**

**A. Superintendent's Report**

Commissioner Ortega presented a general report for the Road & Bridge Department on behalf of Superintendent Johnny Salcido.

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

**14. Treasurer's Office**

**A. Financial Reports / Updates**

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, presented the October 2024 Monthly Report. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the Treasurer’s Monthly Report as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

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

None.

**15. Brewster County Comptroller**

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

Paty Saenz, Assistant Comptroller, presented the general bills and walk-ins. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the general bills as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; the motion passed 4-0.

**1. Budget Amendments**

None.

**2. Line-Item Adjustments**

None.

**B. Financial Reports / Updates**

Malynda Richardson. Comptroller, presented a financial report and updates.

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

None.

**16. Brewster County Tourism**

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

No update.

**B. PowerPlayMarketing (USA Today) National Parks Edition - 1/2 page ad**

**C. PowerPlayMarketing (USA Today) Travel The Southwest Edition - 1/2 page ad**

Commissioner Colando moved to approve both contracts as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**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.

None.

**18. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on December 10, 2024 at 9:30 A.M.**

Commissioner Ortega announced the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on December 10, 2024, at 9:30 AM.

**19. Adjourn**

Commissioner Colando moved to adjourn. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

**ATTEST:**

**Greg P. Henington Sarah Vasquez**

**Brewster County Judge Brewster County Clerk**

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:** The Brewster County Commissioners Court reserves the right to conduct an executive/closed meeting session to discuss and deliberate any of the items listed on the agenda instrument posted for this meeting, as permitted by law, including all applicable open meeting exceptions recognized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code (“Chapter 551,” the Texas Open Meetings Act), or other applicable statute, including without limitation the following Chapter 551 exceptions: §§ 551.071 and 551.129 (consultation with attorney); § 551.072 (deliberation regarding real property); § 551.0725 (deliberation regarding contract being negotiated); § 551.073 (deliberation regarding prospective gift); § 551.074 (deliberation regarding personnel matters); § 551.0745 (deliberation regarding personnel matters affecting county advisory board); § 551.076 (deliberation regarding security devices or security audits); § 551.0785 (deliberations involving medical or psychiatric records of individuals); and § 551.087 (deliberation regarding economic development negotiations).