

**BREWSTER COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

JIM WESTERMANN
Commissioner, Pct.1

RUBEN ORTEGA
Commissioner, Pct. 3



SARA ALLEN COLANDO
Commissioner, Pct. 2

MO MORROW
Commissioner, Pct.4

GREG P. HENINGTON
County Judge

Regular Commissioners Meeting: December 9, 2025, at 9:30 A.M.
Brewster County Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom
201 West Ave. E Alpine, Texas 79830

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Mayor Catherine Eaves called the Alpine City Council meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.; the following Elected City Council Members were present:

Catherine Eaves	Mayor
Richard Portillo	Ward 1
Eva Martinez	Ward 2
Robert Ruckes	Ward 3
Lucy Escovedo	Ward 4
Rick Stephens	Ward 5

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

Greg Henington	County Judge
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 Lujan	County Clerk

2. Invocation

Oscar Cobos gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Review, discuss and take possible action to approve the actions and plans of the joint EMS task force between the City of Alpine and Brewster County

A. City of Alpine Agenda posting

Discussion only; no action. Judge Henington presented multiple possibilities and challenges the EMS committee is facing to replace EmergentAir Ground.

City Council Members retired at 9:50 a.m.

Commissioners Court recessed at 9:50 a.m.

Commissioners Court reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

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

A. Commissioners Court Meeting of November 25, 2025

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commissioners Court meeting of November 25, 2025. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

6. 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

Oscar Cobos, Alpine resident, commented his opposition to Agenda Item #11, changing delinquent tax firms.

7. Recognition & Announcements

A. Recognition of Firefighter of the Year - Alpine

Judge Henington recognized Shelby Green, Alpine's Firefighter of the Year.

8. Report from City of Alpine representative; discussion only, no action required

Rick Stephens, Ward 5 City Council Member, presented an update from the City of Alpine.

9. County Judge - Reports and Action Items

A. Review, discuss and take possible action to approve the Second Amended & Restated Interlocal & Partnership Agreement by and between the Chief Elected Officials of the Borderplex Workforce Development Area and Workforce Solutions Borderplex

Judge Henington presented the Interlocal agreement with Borderplex Workforce Solutions. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

B. Review, discuss and take possible action to approve a resolution from Brewster County to support the elimination of hotel occupancy taxes for traveling county employees

Judge Henington presented the Resolution in support of the elimination of State Hotel Occupancy Taxes for traveling County employees. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

10. Presentation by Marathon Water Supply Corporation regarding activities and operations; discussion only

Timothy Roberts, Manager of the Marathon Water Supply Corporation, presented an update on the Marathon Water Supply Corporation.

11. Review, discuss and take possible action to engage the Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLC as Brewster County's law firm of record for delinquent tax collections

Judge Henington presented on behalf of the committee to consolidate to one firm, Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, LLC, for the benefit of the constituents' simplicity of payment of tax suits.

Judge Henington moved to engage Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott LLP as Brewster County's law firm of record for delinquent tax collections. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; Judge Henington called a roll-call vote.

Commissioner Morrow voted Aye.

Commissioner Ortega voted No.

Commissioner Colando voted No.

Commissioner Westermann voted Yes.

Judge Henington voted Yes.

Motion passed 3-2.

12. Elections

A. Review, discuss and approve the Resolution for the Joint Primary Election to be held on Mar 3, 2026, and the Joint Runoff Election on May 26, 2026 (if necessary)

Cynthia Cox, Elections Administrator, and Mary Bell Lockhart, Democratic Chair, presented the resolution for the Joint Primary Election on March 3, 2026, and the Joint Runoff Election on May 26, 2026. Commissioner Colando moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

B. Review, discuss and approve the Contract between the Brewster County Democratic Party, Brewster County Republican Party, and the Brewster County Election Administration for the conduct and supervision of the Mar 3, 2026 Primary Election and the May 26, 2026 Joint Runoff Election (if required)

EA Cox and Ms. Lockhart presented the contract between the Brewster County Democratic Party, Brewster County Republican Party, and the Brewster County Election Administration for the March 3, 2026, Joint Primary Election and the May 26, 2026, Joint Runoff Election. Commissioner Colando moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

13. Road & Bridge Department

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Johnny Salcido presented the Road and Bridge general report.

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

None.

14. Emergency Management Department

A. General Report - Emergency Management Coordinator

James Etchinson, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented a general report for the Emergency Management Department. Commissioner Colando reiterated the deadline for the Fireworks is December 14.

B. Review, discuss and take possible action to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Brewster County and the Texas Department of Emergency Management regarding Texas Emergency Management Teams

EMC Etchinson presented an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) regarding Texas emergency management teams. Commissioner Westermann moved to approve the MOU as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

15. Treasurer's Office

A. Financial Reports / Updates

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, presented the October monthly report. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

B. Grant Approval & Administration

None.

C. Review, discuss and take action on department payroll review for: County Judge, County Commissioners, County Clerk, District Clerk and Emergency Management, Elections, Extension Agent, Facilities, JP's 1, 2 & 3

Judge Henington presented a payroll review for discussion only.

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

None.

16. Brewster County Comptroller

A. Review, discuss and take action on items related to:

1. Payment of Expenses

2. Budget / Line-Item Adjustments

Malynda Richardson, County Comptroller, presented three reports for payment of expenses. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve all three reports as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Comptroller Richardson presented an addendum to the list of Recurring Payments. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the updated list. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Comptroller Richardson presented the budget adjustment to establish a budget for the new received grant. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve budget adjustments as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

B. Financial Reports / Updates

None.

C. Discussion and appropriate action to amend the budget for the year ended September 30, 2025 for items originally budgeted and expended in Fund 450

Skipped.

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

None.

17. Brewster County Tourism

A. Report from Robert Alvarez, Executive Director:

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

No report.

B. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to approve contract for a full-page print ad in Rider magazine targeting the motorcycle market

Judge Henington presented the contract for consideration. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the contracts presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

18. 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.

19. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on December 23, 2025, at 9:30 A.M.

Commissioner Morrow moved to change the next Regular Commissioners Court meeting from December 23, 2025, to December 16, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

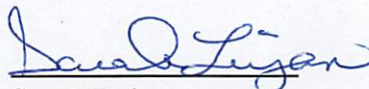
20. Adjourn

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM.

ATTEST:



Greg P. Henington
Brewster County Judge



Sarah Lujan
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).

