

**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: November 12, 2025, at 9:30 A.M.
Brewster County Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom
201 West 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:

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| Greg Henington | County Judge |
| Jim Westermann | Commissioner Pct. 1 |
| Sara Allen Colando | Commissioner Pct. 2 |
| Ruben Ortega | Commissioner Pct. 3 |
| Julie Morton | County Treasurer |
| Sarah Lujan | County Clerk |

William "Mo" Morrow, Commissioner Pct. 4, was absent.

2. Invocation

Judge Henington gave the invocation.

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 October 28, 2025

Commissioner Colando moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commissioners Court meeting of October 28, 2025.
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 Ortega announced the reopening of the Marathon Library.

Commissioner Colando announced the 35th Annual Black-Eyed Pea Cookoff is coming up on January 1st.

7. Presentation from the US Census Bureau regarding the 2030 Census process - discussion only, no action to be taken

Lacey Loftin, United States Census Bureau Partnership Specialist, presented the need to hire for the upcoming Census test and the official 2030 Census.

8. Review, discuss and take action on 2024 Fiscal Year Audit - Presentation by Singleton, Clark & Company, PC
Man presented on the 2024 Fiscal Year Audit. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the 2024 Fiscal Year Audit as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

9. Report from City of Alpine representative; discussion only, no action required
No report.

10. County Judge - Reports and Action Items

A. Review, discuss and take possible action on a ground lease between Brewster County and DSL, LLC for tourism kiosk in Marathon, Texas

Judge Henington presented the lease between Brewster County and DSL, LLC. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the lease as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

B. Review, discuss and take action to approve \$3,900 for the purpose of purchasing new tables and chairs for Red Patillo Community Center. Funding to come from LATCF contingency

Judge Henington presented the proposal for new tables and chairs. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

C. Review, discuss and take action to approve final payment to West Texas Paradise Construction, LLC for Road & Bridge equipment storage shed in Terlingua, Texas. Payment to be charged to LATCF fund

Judge Henington presented the payment for the equipment storage building. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the invoices as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

11. Review, discuss and take action to appoint Commissioner Mo Morrow to the County Appraisal District of Brewster County for a term of two years

Commissioner Ortega moved to appoint Commissioner Mo Morrow for the Central Appraisal District of Brewster County board to represent Brewster County. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

12. Review, discuss and take final action regarding final Plat approval for Lakeside Cottages, Lajitas, Texas

A. Application for final Plat Approval - Preliminary approval was granted by the Commissioners Court on October 12, 2025

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the final plat for the Lakeside Cottages in Lajitas, Texas. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

13. Elections

A. Review and discuss election results and voting data from November 4, 2025

Cynthia Cox, Elections Administrator, presented the unofficial election results and voting data from November 4, 2025.

14. Road & Bridge Department

A. Superintendent's Report

Commissioner Ortega presented the Road and Bridge general report on behalf of Superintendent Johnny Salcido.

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

None.

15. Emergency Management Department

A. General Report - Emergency Management Coordinator

No report.

16. Treasurer's Office

A. Financial Reports / Updates

No report.

B. Grant Approval & Administration

1. Review, discuss and take possible action to accept \$350,000 in funding for the Brewster County Sheriff's Office under the State of Texas SB22 Grant Program. This funding will be for the 2026 Fiscal Year

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the acceptance of \$350,000 from the Texas SB22 Grant Program. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

C. Review, discuss and take action to ratify new account opening at TransPecos bank for the 394th District Court. Brewster County serves as the fiscal agent

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the new account opening at TransPecos Bank. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

D. Review, discuss and take action on department payroll review for: County Judge, County Commissioners, County Clerk, District Clerk and Emergency Management

Commissioner Ortega moved to accept the department payroll as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

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

None.

17. 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 reports for payment of expenses. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Expenses Paid report 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.

18. 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, and Aaron presented the general report for Brewster County Tourism.

B. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to approve contract for Houstonia

Mr. Alvarez presented the contract for Houstonia magazine advertisement. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

C. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to approve contract for The ROAMies PODCAST

Mr. Alvarez presented the contract for The ROAMies PODCAST. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

19. 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.

20. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on November 25, 2025, at 9:30 A.M.

Judge Henington announced the next regular Commissioners Court meeting on November 25, 2025, at 9:30 AM.

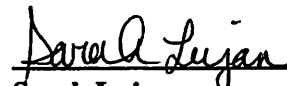
21. Adjourn

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.


~~Greg A. Henington~~
~~Brewster County Judge~~
COMMISSIONER ORTEGA



ATTEST:


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).