# 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 24, 2025, at 9:30 A.M. Brewster County Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom 201 W. Ave. E Alpine, Texas 79830

#### **AGENDA**

#### 1. Call to Order

Judge Henington called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.; the following Elected Officials were present:

**Greg Henington** 

County Judge

Jim Westermann

Commissioner Pct. 1

Ruben Ortega

Commissioner Pct. 3

William "Mo" Morrow

Commissioner Pct. 4

Julie Morton

County Treasurer

Sarah Vasquez

County Clerk

Sara Allen Colando, Commissioner Pct. 2, was absent.

## 2. Invocation by Pastor Coleman Reidling with First Baptist Church

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#### 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 10, 2025

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commissioners Court meeting of June 10, 2025. Commissioner Morrow 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

Judge Henington recognized his granddaughter, Zoe Cannon, to the court.

# 7. Presentation by Travis Dimler et al, regarding county road maintenance / discussion and possible action by Commissioners Court

Travis Dimler presented suggestions and ideas on the county road maintenance. The County Judge invited Mr. Daimler to consult on the Road and Bridge budget.

Lance Jarratt, Jarratt Dirt Work owner, stated the actual cost of damage to heavier vehicles that gets tacked onto the ranchers due to the terrible upkeep of county roads.

# 8. Review, discuss and take possible action regarding annual review of Brewster County ESD # 1 financial statements and other administrative items

Kristin Orhean and Jeanette Hall presented the annual review of Brewster County ESD #1 financial statements and other administrative items.

## 9. County Judge Report

# A. Review, discuss and take action regarding the leasing of county vehicles as an option versus outright purchase

Judge Henington presented the idea to move county vehicles to a lease option to help the Sheriff's office upkeep for service.

## B. Report from David Miller regarding county cybersecurity

## 10. Brewster County Project List

## A. Project Tracker Report

Judge Henington presented Dump Day financials and recommended a budget amendment due to a typo from the initial budgeting expense. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

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

## 12. Kayse Muratori, 9-1-1 GIS Coordinator:

# A. Review, discuss and take appropriate action on adding SOJOURNER LANE to the MSAG database; located off WEST US HWY 90

Kayse Muratori, 911 GIS Coordinator, presented adding SOJOURNER LANE to the MSAG database. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the proposed addition as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

# B. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to extend ANTARES ROAD in the MSAG; located in the Cielo Vista Ranch Subdivision; extends past the intersection of ANTARES & ALPHA CENTAURI Kayse Muratori, 911 GIS Coordinator, presented to extend ANTARES ROAD. Commissioner Ortega moved to extend Antares Road as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

#### C. Program Updates / Discussion only

Kayse Muratori, 911 GIS Coordinator, presented a general update.

# 13. Review, discuss and take action to approve the vacating of the SpearPoint Subdivision at Lajitas, Texas A. Approval to vacate SpearPoint Subdivision

Commissioner Ortega moved to vacate the SpearPoint Subdivision. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

# 14. Review, discuss and take action to update Screwworm Resolution passed on June 10, 2025

#### A. Resolution

Commissioner Morrow moved to update the Screwworm Resolution. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

- 15. Review, discuss and take action to update year models of vehicles declared as salvage at the Court meeting of June 10, 2025
  - A. 1964 GMC 4000
  - B. 2001 Ford F250
  - C. 2015 Chevrolet 2500 HD

Commissioner Ortega moved to update the year models on the vehicles. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

## 16. Road & Bridge Department

## A. Superintendent's Report

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

# B. Review, discuss and take action regarding the purchase and/or lease of new Road & Bridge maintenance vehicles

Already discussed on Agenda item 15.

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

None.

#### 17. Emergency Management Department

## A. General Report - Emergency Management Coordinator

James Etchinson, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented a general report update on the Emergency Management Department.

#### B. Review, discuss and take appropriate action on Fireworks Ban Order

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Fireworks Ban Order. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

## 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, presented a general report for Brewster County Tourism.

# B. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to approve contract for the 2025 Advertising Contract & Insertion Order

Executive Alvarez presented a contract for the 2025 Advertising Contract & Insertion Order. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

#### 19. Treasurer's Office

## A. Financial Reports / Updates

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, presented the FY25 2nd Quarterly Report. Commissioner Morrow moved to approve the financial report as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

Treasurer Morton presented the FY25 April Treasurer's Report Detail that shows a full breakdown of reports of all funds. Commissioner Morrow moved to approve the financial report as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

# B. Review, discuss and take action regarding 2026 health & life insurance services, rates/terms for Brewster County employees

Mindy Seahorn, Insurance rep broker, presented 2026 health & life insurance services. Judge Henington moved to approve Option 2 as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

C. Discussion, review, and appropriate action related to financial administration and policies None.

## 20. Brewster County Comptroller

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

## 1. Payment of Expenses

Malynda Richardson, County Comptroller, presented the payment of expenses report with two packets. Commissioner Morrow moved to approve the Payment of Expenses as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

#### 2. Budget / Line-Item Adjustments

Comptroller Richardson presented the line-item adjustments and budget adjustments and will update with corrections and incorporation of Dump Day budget adjustment announced in court. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the line-items as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

#### **B. Financial Reports / Updates**

None.

# C. Review, discuss and take action on updated lease agreement (adding four Xerox scanners) with Total Office Solutions

Item skipped due to no lease agreement sent in.

D. Discussion, review, and appropriate action related to financial administration and policies None.

#### 21. 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.

## 22. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on July 8, 2025, at 9:30 A.M.

Judge Henington announced the next regular meeting of the Commissioners Court on July 8, 2025 at 9:30 AM in Alpine, TX.

## 23. Adjourn

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Greg P. Henington
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).

