

**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: April 8, 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 9:33 a.m.; the following Elected Officials were present:

Greg Henington	County Judge
Jim Westermann	Commissioner Pct. 1
Sara Allen Colando	Commissioner Pct. 2
William "Mo" Morrow	Commissioner Pct. 4
Sarah Vasquez	County Clerk

Ruben Ortega, Commissioner Pct. 3, was absent.

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 March 25, 2025

Commissioner Morrow moved to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of March 25, 2025.
Commissioner Colando 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

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

7. Recognition & Announcements

Judge Henington presented the newly hired Elections Administrator, Melissa Berstrom.

Judge Henington announced the Easter Egg Decorating event for the Brewster County Offices.

Luke Hendryx, Extension Agent, announced that free well water testing for Brewster County residents will take place on April 21st at the Sunny Glen Cooperative Building, 2101 FM1703, Alpine, Texas. Well owners who are interested in the free testing should pick up their test kits between now and April 21st.

Commissioner Colando recognized the Road and Bridge crew for a successful Cleanup Day in Terlingua on April 5th.

8. County Judge Report

A. Discuss and take action to approve a \$2,500 donation from Judge Val Beard for the dedicated purpose of constructing a new gazebo for the Brewster County courthouse lawn

Judge Henington presented his report and a donation from Judge Val Beard. Commissioner Morrow moved to accept Judge Val Beard's donation for the gazebo. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

9. Brewster County Project List

A. Project List as of April 8, 2025

Judge Henington presented the updated Project List.

B. Discuss and take action to increase purchase order approved on 3/25/25 in the amount of \$13,201.20 to \$13,860 to Stockton Glass & Mirror for the replacement of windows in the Red Pattillo Center
Commissioner Colando moved to approve the increased amount as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

C. Discuss and take action to approve \$2,082.08 for CyberSecurity related activities - network monitoring and hardware purchases. Funds to be allocated from line 23 of the project list
Judge Henington moved to approve the \$2,082.08 invoice for the cybersecurity purchases. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

D. Discuss and take action to approve up to \$3,000 for the purchase of new, updated network switches. Funds to be allocated from line 23 of the project list.
Judge Henington moved to approve \$3,000 for the purchase of new network switches. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

10. Discuss and take action to approve resolution authorizing Brewster County to engage the services of the Public Power Pool to negotiate electrical power rates on behalf of the county

A. Public Power Pool Presentation

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

11. Discuss and take possible action to authorize the County Treasurer to renew county's bank depository accounts for until June 30, 2027

Judge Henington moved to renew the county's bank depository accounts until June 30, 2027. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

12. Discuss and take action regarding 2025 Brewster County Property Valuations for insurance purposes

A. 2025 Property Insurance Valuations

Judge Henington presented the 2025 Property Insurance Valuations.

13. Review and take action to approve a resolution to support rural EMS funding by the State of Texas

A. Resolution

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

14. Discuss and take action to approve lease agreement for a replacement copier (new) for Brewster County Sheriff's Office

A. Copier Lease Agreement for BC Sheriff's Office

Judge Henington moved to approve the Copier Lease Agreement for the Brewster County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

15. Road & Bridge Department

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

Judge Henington 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

None.

16. Emergency Management Department

A. General Report - Emergency Management Coordinator

James Etchison, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented a General Report.

B. Discuss and take possible action to renew or modify Brewster County Burn Ban

EMC Etchison presented the Brewster County Burn Ban. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the Burn Ban as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

17. Treasurer's Office

A. Financial Reports / Updates

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, has no reports today.

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

None.

18. Brewster County Comptroller

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action regarding to

a. Budget Amendments

b. Line-Item Adjustments

Malynda Richardson, County Comptroller, presented the general bills. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the general bills as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Westermann recused himself from the discussion and vote.

B. Financial Reports / Updates

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

a. Discuss and take necessary action regarding Tyler accounting conversion process

Comptroller Richardson presented updates on the Tyler Technologies accounting software conversion process.

19. Brewster County Tourism

A. Report from Robert Alvarez, Executive Director:

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

Robert Alvarez, Executive Director, presented a general Brewster County Tourism report. The next meeting of the

Tourism Council is scheduled for May 7th, at the Lajitas Resort.

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

Commissioner Colando moved to approve the Texas Highways contract as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

20. 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.

21. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on April 22, 2025, at 9:30 A.M.

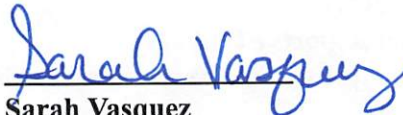
Judge Henington announced the next Special Commissioners Court Meeting on April 22, 2025, at 9:30 AM in Marathon, TX at the Marathon Community Center.

22. Adjourn

Commissioner Colando moved to adjourn. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM.



Greg P. Henington
Brewster County Judge



Sarah Vasquez
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).