

**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

Special Commissioners Meeting: February 11, 2025, at 9:30 A.M.

**J.W. "Red" Pattillo South Brewster County Community Center
201 Rex Ivey Rd, Terlingua, TX 79852**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Judge Henington called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.; the following Elected 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

Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk, was absent. Katrina Muñoz, Deputy Clerk, sat in for the Clerk's Office.

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 January 28, 2025

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of January 28, 2025.
Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

B. Commissioners Court Meeting of February 04, 2025

Commissioner Morrow moved to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of February 04, 2025.
Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

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

Paul Glaves, Terlingua resident, commented in support of the Terlingua health clinic and Items 8A and 8B.
Reagan Reed, Big Bend Regional Hospital District representative for Terlingua, commented in support of the Terlingua health clinic and Items 8A and 8B.

6. Recognition & Announcements

Commissioner Ortega announced the 18th annual Fish Fry in Marathon on February 22, 2025.
Commissioner Colando recognized the Terlingua CSD robotics team's victory in the El Paso District, and

announced they will be advancing to Regionals in Lubbock.

7. County Judge Report - for informational purposes only
Skipped.

8. Discuss and take action to fund the following items related to the installation of a new health clinic in Study Butte, Texas

A. Funding up to \$150,000 for the purchase of a skid mounted portable building to be used as the main clinic facilities

Judge presented how the clinic will work and expressed his hopes that it stays open longer than previous clinics. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the funding of up to \$150,000 for the purchase of the portable building. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

B. Funding up to \$50,000 for the installation of septic, water, telephone/internet and electric to the new health clinic in Study Butte, Texas colando/ morrow

Commissioner Colando moved to approve the funding up to \$50,000 for the installation of septic, water, telephone/internet and electric to the new health clinic in Study Butte. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

9. Discuss and take action regarding a letter of engagement from Singleton, Clark & Company in the amount of \$90,000 for the 2023 fiscal year outside audit

A. 2023 Letter of Engagement

Judge Henington gave an update on external audits: Fiscal year 2021 should be done next week, 2022 expected mid March and 2023 will begin and be caught up in early summer. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the letter of engagement from Singleton, Clark & Company in the amount of \$90,000 for outside audit. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

10. Discuss and take the following actions regarding the 2025-2026 Texas Community Block Grant

A. Take action to accept proposed agreement from Public Management, Inc for administrative services

Commissioner Colando moved to approve the proposed agreement from Public Management, Inc for administrative service. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

B. Take action to accept scoring committee recommendations for Engineering Services

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the scoring committee recommendations for Engineering Services. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

11. Discuss and take action to accept \$4,000 donation from the Chili Appreciation Society International for 2024 cook-off

A. CASI Donation

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the \$4,000 donation from the Chili Appreciation Society International for the 2024 cookoff. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

12. Discuss and take action regarding Blanket Bond for Brewster County Sheriff's Office

A. Blanket Bond documentation

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Blanket Bond for Brewster County Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

13. Road & Bridge Department

A. Superintendent's Report

Commissioner Ortega presented the road and bridge report on behalf of Johnny Slacido, Superintendent

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

Bridge Department.

None.

14. Emergency Management Department

A. General Report - Emergency Management Coordinator

James Etchison, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented a general report update on the Emergency Management Department and reiterated the dry conditions and need for the burn ban and its continued effect. Anyone wanting to burn anything will need to contact James Etchison for proper approval and procedure.

15. Treasurer's Office

A. Financial Reports / Updates

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

None.

16. Brewster County Comptroller

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action regarding to

1. Budget Amendments

2. Line-Item Adjustments

Malynda Richardson, County Comptroller, presented the general bills. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve general bills as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Ortega abstained from Pinnacle Propane.

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Line-Item Adjustment as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Budget Amendment of \$18,000 for the emergency repair of a recently busted sewer pipe. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

B. Financial Reports / Updates

None.

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

1. Discuss and take action to revise policy on the payment of invoices

Judge Henington moved to approve the revised policy and procedures on the payment of invoices as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

17. Brewster County Tourism

A. Report from Robert Alvarez, Executive Director:

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

None.

B. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to approve All About Birds Advertising Contract and Living Bird Advertising Contract

Judge Henington presented the proposed advertising contracts from *All About Birds* and *Living Bird*. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the two advertising contracts as presented. Commissioner Colando 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.

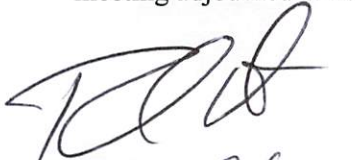
If necessary, following any closed or executive meeting the Commissioners Court will convene in open session to take any final action, decision, or vote on any matter deliberated in closed meeting which has properly been noticed in compliance with Chapter 551 Government Code of Texas.

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

Judge Henington announced that the next Commissioners Court meeting in Terlingua will be August 26, 2025, and the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting will be held on February 25, 2025 at 9:30 AM in Alpine, Texas.


20. Adjourn


Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:26 AM.


Ruben Ortega

Greg P. Henington
Brewster County Judge




Sarah Vasquez
Brewster County Clerk


Katrina Muñoz
Deputy 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).