

**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: January 14, 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 9:31 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
Julie Morton	County Treasurer

Sara Vasquez, County Clerk and Ruben Ortega, Commissioner Pct. 3 were absent.
Katrina Munoz, Deputy Clerk, sat in for the Clerk's Office.

2. Invocation

Invocation by Pastor Wendel Elliot.

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 December 30, 2024

Commissioner Morrow moved to approve the Minutes of December 30, 2024. 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

No report.

7. Recognition & Announcements

Judge Henington recognized the passing of Commissioner Ortega's father, and announced the funeral scheduled for January 15, 2025.

8. County Judge Report - for informational purposes only

A. Update on 2021 audited financial statements

Judge Henington presented an update on the 2021 audit and final numbers should be in on Friday January 17, 2025 with report coming February. New audit firm said they could proceed with the 2022 audit using the preliminary 2021 numbers.

9. Texas AgriLife Extension / Quarterly Report by Luke Hendryx County Extension Agent

Luke Hendryx, County Extension Agent, presented a general report.

10. Project Allocation Report

A. Project Report

Judge Henington presented the project report.

B. Discuss and take action to re-allocate unexpended funds for the maintenance and repair of 22 overhead doors throughout Brewster County.

Judge Henington reported that 22 county-owned roll-up doors need maintenance and three are inoperable. An estimate from the company that installed doors at the Tax Office was received in the amount of \$6500.00. Judge Henington moved to reallocate unexpended Project funds for the maintenance and repair of overhead roll-up doors throughout Brewster County. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

11. Discuss and take possible action to approve the 2025 Interlocal Agreement between Pecos County and Brewster County related to the 83rd District Attorney Budget in the amount of \$94,890.00

A. 2025 Interlocal Agreement

Judge Henington presented the 2025 Interlocal agreement between Pecos County and Brewster County to fund the 83rd District Attorney's office. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the 2025 Interlocal Agreement between Pecos County and Brewster County as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

12. Discuss and take possible action to approve a grant application for the 2024 fiscal year related to Operation StoneGarden

A. FY 2024 Operation Stonegarden Grant

Judge Henington presented the grant application for the FY2024 Operation: StoneGarden reimbursement grant. Commissioner Morrow moved to approve the grant application as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

13. Discuss and take possible action to re-appoint two ESD # 1 board members for the 2025 - 2027 calendar years

A. Jim Hines, Marcos Paredes

Judge Henington presented the recommended appointments to the ESD #1 board of directors. Commissioner Colando moved to reappoint Jim Hines and Marcos Paredes to the ESD #1 board of directors for the 2025-2027 calendar years. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

14. Discuss and take action to approve \$2500 bond for Brewster County Attorney A. Bond Attachment

Judge Henington presented the Bond Agreement for the Brewster County Attorney, Marisol Skelton. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the bond as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

15. Discuss and take action to ratify non-financial amendment to Tyler Technologies agreement

A. Tyler Technologies Amendment

Malynda Richardson, Brewster County Comptroller, presented an amendment to the agreement with Tyler Technologies. Commissioner Colando moved to ratify the amendment to Tyler Technologies agreement as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

16. Road & Bridge Department

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Johnny Salcido presented a general report for the Road & Bridge Department.

B. 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, was absent; no report.

B. Discuss and take possible action to renew or modify Brewster County burn ban

Judge Henington moved to approve renewing the Burn Ban for 45 days. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

18. Treasurer's Office

A. Financial Reports / Updates

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, presented the Monthly Report for November 2024. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the report as read. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

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

Treasurer Morton announced that W2s will be distributed to employees with their checks on Friday, January 17, 2025.

19. Brewster County Comptroller

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action regarding to 1. Budget Amendments

2. Line-Item Adjustments

Comptroller Richardson presented the general bills. Commissioner Colando moved to approve general bills as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

Comptroller Richardson presented Budget Amendments. Judge Henington moved to approve the Budget Amendments as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

Comptroller Richardson presented Line-Item Adjustments. Commissioner Colando moved to approve Line-Item Adjustments as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

B. Financial Reports / Updates

Comptroller Richardson presented a financial report and updates.

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

None.

20. 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, absent; no report.

B. Discuss and take action on the approval of Brewster County Tourism Council Board Members and Officers for 2025

Judge Henington moved to approve the Tourism Council's slate of recommended Board Members as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0.

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.

A. CLOSED SESSION – An closed session meeting will be held pursuant to section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code (deliberation regarding real property) for the Commissioners Court to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, and/or value of certain real property located in Brewster County, Texas because deliberation of those matters in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the Commissioners Court in negotiations with a third person.

Meeting recessed at 10:38 AM to enter the CLOSED SESSION. Reconvened at 10:41 AM. No action.

C. CLOSED SESSION – A closed session meeting will be held pursuant to section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (deliberation regarding personnel matters) for the Commissioners Court to discuss and take possible action in open session regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

Meeting recessed at 10:43 AM to enter the CLOSED SESSION. Reconvened at 10:51 AM. Judge Henington moved to allocate \$500.00 per month from the Information Technology (IT) budget into the Courthouse Security budget, for in-house IT labor. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0

Judge Henington moved to amend the main motion to allocate \$500.00 per month as base pay, and to have Medicare/Medicaid & FICA supplemented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion to amend; motion to amend passed 4-0.

B. CLOSED SESSION – A closed session meeting will be held pursuant to section 551.076 of the Texas Government Code (deliberation regarding security audit) for the Commissioners Court to deliberate, discuss and take possible action in open session regarding Brewster County's cybersecurity actions and policies. 10:57

Meeting recessed at 10:57 AM to enter CLOSED SESSION. Reconvened at 11:21 AM. No action

22. Discuss and take action to amend meeting dates for Special Meeting from February 25th to February 11, 2025.

Judge Henington moved to amend the scheduled February meeting dates such that the Special Meeting in Terlingua will be held on February 11, 2025 and the Regular Meeting in Alpine will be held on February 25, 2025. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

23. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on January 28, 2025, at 9:30 A.M.

Judge Henington announced the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on January 28, 2025 at 9:30 AM.

20. Adjourn

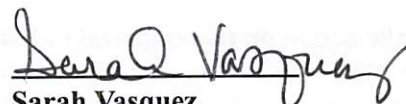
Judge Henington moved to adjourn. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:23 AM.



Greg P. Henington
Brewster County Judge



ATTEST:



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).