

**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: July 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 9:30 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
Julie Morton	County Treasurer
Sarah Vasquez	County Clerk

2. Invocation by Father Saul Pacheco from Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church

Invocation by Father Saul Pacheco from Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church.

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 24, 2025

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commissioners Court meeting of June 24, 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. 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

Commissioner Westermann announced the County float was awarded 3rd place in the 4th of July parade.

Judge Henington announced the success of the Terlingua 4th of July festivities.

Commissioner Ortega announced the Chili Cookoff in Marathon was a success and raised money for the Marathon firefighter.

8. Presentation by Marathon Water Supply Corporation regarding activities and operations; discussion only

No representative present.

9. Presentation by Luke Hendryx, AgriLife and Natural Resource Extension Agent - Quarterly Report; discussion only

Luke Hendryx, AgriLife Extension agent, presented the quarterly report. Josh Blaneck, District 6 Leader, introduced himself to the court.

10. County Judge Report and Action Items

A. Review, discuss and take action to approve updated proposal for county wide printer and scanner program

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the updated proposal for county wide printers and scanners. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

B. Review, discuss and take action to appoint a designated officer/employee to calculate and certify ~~2026~~ 2025 tax rates (Tax Code 26.04(c))

Commissioner Ortega moved to designate Brewster County Tax Assessor-Collector Sylvia Vega to calculate and certify the 2025 tax rates. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

C. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to reserve the following dates for Special Commissioners Court meetings, if applicable, related to the 2026 budget: July 15, July 29, August 5, August 19, September 2, September 16, 2025

Judge Henington announced the possible upcoming Special Meetings as needed on the suggested dates.

D. Review, discuss and take action regarding the 394th District Court's 2026 budget

Judge Henington presented a two line item budget for 394th District Court's 2026 budget. Brewster County will be the Fiscal Agent and all other counties did not contest a Fiscal Agent fee.

E. 2026 Budget Timeline; discussion only

Judge Henington presented the FY 2026 County Budget timeline. August 26th is the deadline for final budget approval.

11. Review, discuss and take possible action (ratification) regarding indigent cremation expense; Harber

A. Invoice

Judge Henington presented a ratification regarding an indigent cremation expense. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

12. Brewster County Project List

No update.

13. Road & Bridge Department

A. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Johnny Salcido presented the Road and Bridge Department general report.

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

None.

14. Emergency Management Department

A. General Report - Emergency Management Coordinator

No report.

15. Treasurer's Office

A. Financial Reports / Updates

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, presented the monthly report for May 2025. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the financial report as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

B. Review, discuss and take action regarding update to Brewster County Employee Policies; personal use of a county owned vehicle

Malynda Richardson, County Comptroller, presented an updated Brewster County Employee Policy for the use of a county owned vehicle. Commissioner Colando moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

C. Review, discuss and take action regarding Special Qualification Pay for Brewster County Employees

Judge Henington presented the Special Qualification Pay for Brewster County Employees to be put within the 2026 budget. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Special Qualification Pay as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

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

Treasurer Morton announced the official payroll conversion will be done through Tyler for the next payroll.

16. Review, discuss and take action to approve updated lease contract for Brewster County printers and scanners

A. Printer and scanner proposal - updated

Duplicated.

17. Review, discuss and take action regarding CapRisk proposal to provide actuarial calculation services to Brewster County for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024

A. CapRisk Proposal

Judge Henington presented the CapRisk proposal to provide actuarial calculation services to Brewster County for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the proposal as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

19. Brewster County Tourism

D. Review, discuss and take action to approve the 2026 recommended Tourism Budget

Linda Walker, Vice President of the Brewster County Tourism Council, presented the proposed Tourism Budget for FY26 and explained the process of creating the budget for each year. The proposed Tourism Budget reflects the anticipated loss of revenue due to closure of the Chisos Lodge in Big Bend National park for renovations. The presented Tourism Budget will be added to the full County Budget for review and approval.

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 Global Debauchery

Executive Alvarez presented the content creation contract for Global Debauchery. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

C. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to approve contract for El Paso Travel Family

Executive Alvarez presented the content creation contract for El Paso Travel Family. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

18. Brewster County Comptroller

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

1. Payment of Expenses

None.

2. Budget / Line-Item Adjustments

Comptroller Richardson presented the line-item adjustments and budget adjustments. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the line-item adjustments as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Ortega abstained from Pinnacle Propane.

B. Financial Reports / Updates

None.

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

None.

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.

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

Judge Henington announced a special Commissioners Court meeting on July 15, 2025, at 9:30 AM and the next regular Commissioners Court Meeting on July 22, 2025, at 9:30 AM.

22. Adjourn

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:19 AM.

ATTEST:



Greg P. Henington
Brewster County Judge

Approved by Brewster County Commissioners Court

7-22-25

~~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).