

**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: October 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
Ruben Ortega	Commissioner Pct. 3
William "Mo" Morrow	Commissioner Pct. 4
Julie Morton	County Treasurer
Sarah Lujan	County Clerk

2. Invocation

Judge Henington gave the invocation.

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 September 23, 2025

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commissioners Court meeting of September 23, 2025. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

B. Special Commissioners Court Meeting of September 30, 2025

Commissioner Westermann moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commissioners Court meeting of September 30, 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

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 Ortega announced that the 6th Annual John Prine Tribute had a good turnout, and that the Marathon 2 Marathon is coming up soon.

Commissioner Morrow announced that 2025 Lone Star Cowboy Poetry Gathering will be split between Alpine and Bastrop, due to a shortage of hotel rooms available in Alpine.

8. Review, discuss and take action on the FY 2026 Jury Plan for Brewster County

A. New Jury Plan 2025

Sarah Fellows Martinez, District Clerk, presented the FY2026 Jury Plan for Brewster County. District Clerk Martinez advised the Commissioners that if approved, the new plan will reinstate the approval of online questionnaires for prospective jurors which can help avoid issues notifying jurors when court is cancelled abruptly. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the FY26 Jury Plan as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

9. County Judge Report - Information and Action Items

A. Review, discuss and take action to approve resolution applying for FY 2026 TIDC Formula Grant

Commissioner Colando moved to approve the resolution applying for FY26 TIDC Formula Grant with the correction of Auditor to Comptroller. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

B. Review, discuss and take possible action designating a specific mailing (including electronic) address for the purposes of handling requests under the Public Information Act - Government Code 55.234

Judge Henington presented that the County Judge's office will be designated as the official point of contact for requests under the Texas Public Information Act. Commissioner Morrow moved to approve designating the County's Judge's office as the official mailing and electronic address for PIA requests. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

C. Review, discuss and take possible action regarding assisting the City of Alpine in purchasing a new cremation incinerator for the Alpine Animal Shelter. This purchase and its terms would be governed by an Interlocal Agreement between Brewster County and the City of Alpine

Judge Henington presented the plans for a new cremation incinerator for the Alpine Animal Shelter. Judge Henington stated that he will continue to work with the City and bring back a final agreement to the court.

10. Brewster County Project List

Commissioner Ortega updated that the Road and Bridge Department's machinery transport truck will be ready soon.

11. Review, discuss and take action regarding Preliminary Plat Approval for Lakeside Cottages, Lajitas, Texas

A. Plat application for Lakeside Cottages, Lajitas, Texas

Judge Henington presented the plat application for Lakeside Cottages at Lajitas, Texas. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the preliminary plat as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

12. 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

Superintendent Salcido presented a boring/trenching permit application from Big Bend Telephone to run fiber optic cable under Airport Road in Marathon. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the permit application. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

13. Emergency Management Department

A. General Report - Emergency Management Coordinator

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

B. Review, discuss and take possible action to renew or modify the Brewster County Burn Ban from October 13, 2025, through November 27, 2025

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Burn Ban Order for October 13, 2025, through November 27, 2025. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

14. Treasurer's Office

A. Financial Reports / Updates

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, is revising the format for her financial reports and will have reports ready for Commissioners to review at the next regular Commissioners Court meeting.

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

None.

C. Grant Approval & Administration

None.

D. Review, discuss and take possible action to move county credit card account from CitiBank to US Bank under the Texas Payment and Travel Card Program

Treasurer Morton requested approval to move credit card companies from CitiBank to US Bank. Commissioner Colando moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Judge Henington will sign the contract when it is ready.

15. Brewster County Comptroller

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

1. Payment of Expenses

Malynda Richardson, County Comptroller, presented three reports for payment of expenses. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve all three reports as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

2. Budget / Line-Item Adjustments

Comptroller Richardson presented budget adjustments. Commissioner Morrow moved to approve the budget adjustments as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

B. Financial Reports / Updates

None.

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

None.

D. Review, discuss and take action to add an Accounts Receivable module to the county's Tyler Technology accounting system

Comptroller Richardson requested approval to add Tyler Technology's Accounts Receivable module to the current software subscription. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the quote from Tyler Technology as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

E. Review, discuss and take action to amend the 2025 Tax Collection Agreement between Brewster County and the Terlingua Common School District. The amount reflected in the 2025 Agreement was in error and did not match the 2025 budget

Judge Henington presented the amended 2025 Tax Collection Agreement which corrects the payment for services amounting to \$15,000. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the amended agreement as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

16. 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 the Brewster County Tourism general report.

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

Mr. Alvarez presented the Tour Texas contract. Judge Henington moved to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

C. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to approve contract for Placer AI

Mr. Alvarez presented the Placer AI contract. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

D. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to approve contract for the November Sky Island Hiking Tour

Mr. Alvarez presented the November Sky Island Hiking Tour contract. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

17. 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.

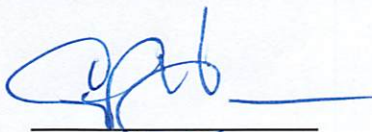
18. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on October 28, 2025, at 9:30 A.M.

Judge Henington announced a workshop on October 21, 2025, at 9:30 AM to discuss with Linebarger the process of tax collections.

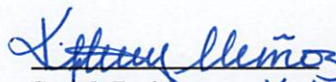

Judge Henington announced the next regular Commissioners Court meeting on October 28, 2025, at 9:30 AM.

19. Adjourn

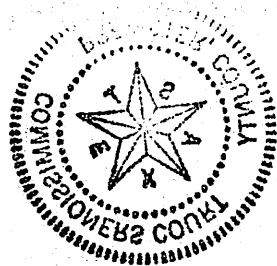
Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM.



Greg P. Henington
Brewster County Judge


Sarah Lujan
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).



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