

**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: September 9, 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

Katrina Muñoz was present on behalf of Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk.

2. Invocation by by Oscar Cobos with Higher-Ground Ministry

Oscar Cobos with the Higher-Ground Ministry 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. Regular Commissioners Court Meeting of August 26, 2025

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commissioners Court meeting of August 26, 2025. Commissioner Morrow 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 Westerman reminded everyone about the 9/11 Memorial being held at the Alpine Border Patrol Station at 10:00 am.

Commissioner Colando announced the free pet health clinic held in Terlingua was a huge success with 115 spay and neuter and 61 vet check ups. Many thanks to Alpine Humane society for organizing the event.

Commissioner Morrow commented on his attendance of the Border Patrol with Emergency Management Coordinator, James Etchison.

Judge Henington announced two Medical Directors being in Terlingua teaching our local medics.

8. County Judge Report- Information and Action Items

A. Review, discuss and take possible action regarding August 2025 generator inspection report

Judge Henington announced that as of August 21, 2025 all generators have been inspected and in full function.

9. Brewster County Project List

A. Project List

Judge Henington presented projects remaining on the project list that will be focused on. Cyber security work station upgrades such as password protected computers with email and password. Shade cover for heavy equipment down south. Judge Henington would like to raise the budget from 20 to 60 thousand so it will include Marathon as well. Judge Henington moved to approve the Project List. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

10. Review, discuss and take action to approve waste disposal contract for Marathon, Texas with Republic Services

A. Republic Services Contract

Judge Henington moved to approve the amended lower rate for the waste disposal contract with Texas Republic Services. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

11. Review, discuss and take appropriate action on Addendum to Real Property Lease Agreement with Marathon Public Library and History Museum

A. Addendum

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Addendum to Real Property Lease Agreement with Marathon Public Library and History Museum. Commissioner Colando 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

None.

13. Emergency Management Department

A. General Report - Emergency Management Coordinator

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

14. Treasurer's Office

A. Financial Reports / Updates

None.

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

None.

15. Brewster County Comptroller

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

1. Payment of Expenses

Comptroller Malynda Richardson presented the payment of expenses report. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the Payment of Expenses as presented. Commissioner Westerman seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

2. Budget / Line-Item Adjustments

Comptroller Richardson presented the line-item adjustments and budget adjustments. Judge Henington moved to approve the line-items as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

B. Financial Reports / Updates

None.

C. Review, discuss and take appropriate action regarding 2025 Operation Lone Star Grant funding requests and reimbursements

Judge Henington would like a simplified report of the Grants and what it covers for Commissioners Court.

D. Review, discuss and take possible action on a \$91,268.80 funding request for American Communications under the Operation Lone Star Grant # 4375703 (9/2024 - 8/2025)

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve \$91,268.80 funding request for American Communications under the Operation Lone Star Grant # 4375703 (9/2024 - 8/2025). Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

E. Review, discuss and take action regarding the approval of 2025-2026 Operation Lonestar Grant
Repeat from Item C.

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

None.

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 a general report for Brewster County Tourism.

B. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to approve contract for Visit Big Bend Promotional Video - Statement of Work

Judge Henington moved to approve the contract for Visit Big Bend Promotional Video - Statement of Work. Commissioner Morrow 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 September 23, 2025, at 9:30 A.M.

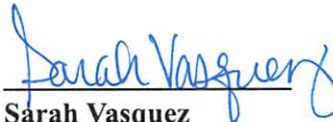
Judge Henington announced the next Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court on September 23, 2025 at 9:30 AM.

19. Adjourn

Commissioner Morrow moved to adjourn. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:41 AM.



Greg P. Henington
Brewster County Judge



Sarah Vasquez
Brewster County Clerk

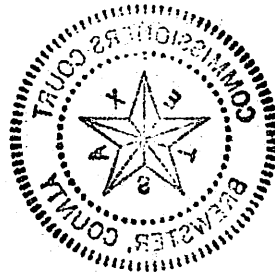
PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING: The Brewster County Commissioners Court reserves the right to conduct an executive/closed meeting session to discuss and deliberate any of the items listed on the agenda instrument posted for this meeting, as permitted by law, including all applicable open meeting exceptions 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).

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of the Court.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Court at the City of New York, this 10th day of June, 1901.

CLERK OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, IN AND FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.

Handwritten signature
Clerk of the Court



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Deputy Clerk

Witness my hand and the seal of the Court at the City of New York, this 10th day of June, 1901.

CLERK OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, IN AND FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK.