# 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 28, 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** 

Katrina Muñoz was present on behalf of Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk. Ruben Ortega, Commissioner Pct. 3 was absent.

#### 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. Regular Commissioners Court Meeting of October 14, 2025

Commissioner Morrow moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commissioners Court meeting of October 14, 2025. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

#### B. Special Commissioners Court Meeting of October 21, 2025

Commissioner Westermann moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commissioners Court meeting of October 21, 2025. 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

Della Hensley with the Marathon Animal Shelter commented that she will be shutting down as of December 31, 2025 and she expressed her concern about county ordinances not being in place to safeguard residents and visitors.

# 7. Recognition & Announcements

Dr. Michelle Rinehart, Alpine ISD Superintendent, announced the winner for the annual Pumpkin Contest is entry number 6, the submission by the Brewster County Jail.

### 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.

# 8. County Judge Report - Reports & Action Items

A. Review, discuss and take action to ratify extension of rent agreement between Brewster County and the U.S. Army for building space at the North County Emergency Services Building

Judge Henington presented the rental agreement between Brewster County and the US Army for building space at the North Brewster County Emergency Response facility in Alpine. Commissioner Morrow moved to ratify the agreement as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

B. Review, discuss and take action regarding the annual subscription and contract with Cycletek, LLC for the maintenance of all county stand-by generators. Contract is for the Fiscal Year 2026

Commissioner Colando moved to approve the annual subscription and contract with Cycletek, LLC for the maintenance of all county stand-by generators. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

C. Review, discuss and take possible action on ground lease between Brewster County and DSL, LLC for tourism kiosk in Marathon, Texas

Postponed until November 12, 2025.

# 9. 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.

#### 10. Emergency Management Department

A. General Report - Emergency Management Coordinator

None.

#### 11. Treasurer's Office

#### A. Financial Reports / Updates

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, presented the September 2025 monthly report which is also the final report for fiscal year 2025. Commissioner Morrow moved to approve the Treasurer's report for September 2025. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

B. Review, discuss and take action to remove Patty Roach from signatory authority for Brewster County at any and all county depository banks. This action is due to Ms. Roach being retired from the Auditor's position

Judge Henington moved to approve the removal of Patty Roach as a signatory authority for Brewster County at any and all county depository banks. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

#### C. Grant Approval & Administration

None.

D. Discussion, review, and appropriate action related to financial administration and policies None.

### 12. Brewster County Comptroller

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

### 1. Payment of Expenses

Malynda Richardson, County Comptroller, presented reports for payment of expenses. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the Expenses Paid report as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the Receipt Register report as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the Repending Expense Approval report as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

# 2. Budget / Line-Item Adjustments

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

### B. Financial Reports / Updates

None.

# E. Review, discuss and take possible action regarding LATCF fund management and oversight. To include update on prior year ARPA funding

Comptroller Richardson presented and explained the LATCF fund management plan, with an update on prior year ARPA funding. No action needed.

# C. Review, discuss and take possible action to approve 2026 Fiscal Year list of recurring payments that do not require prior approval from the Commissioners Court

Commissioner Colando moved to approve the 2026 Fiscal Year list of recurring payments that do not require prior approval from the Commissioners Court. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

- D. Review, discuss and take action to approve a list of vendors subject to a recurring payment policy. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the list of vendors subject to a recurring payment policy. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.
- F. Discussion, review, and appropriate action related to financial administration and policies None.

#### 13. 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. He announced the next
Tourism Council Board Meeting on Nov 18th at 1:00pm at the Lajitas Theater.

### 14. 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.

### 15. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on November 12, 2025, at 9:30 A.M.

Judge Henington announced the next regular Commissioners Court meeting on November 12, 2025, at 9:30 AM.

#### 16. Adjourn

Commissioner Colando moved to adjourn. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Greg P. Henington Brewster County Judge Sarah Lujan

**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).