

**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

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**Special Commissioners Meeting: April 22, 2025, at 9:30 A.M.**

**Marathon Community Center  
106 NE 3rd St., Marathon, TX 79842**

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**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
Sarah Vasquez	County Clerk

**2. Invocation**

Invocation by Judge Henington.

**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 April 8, 2025**

Commissioner Morrow moved to approve the minutes of the Commissioners Court Meeting of April 8, 2025.  
Commissioner Colando 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**

DJ Hensley, Marathon resident, commented on concerns for Marathon residents safety with the new growth and tourism increase.

**6. Report from City of Alpine representative; discussion only, no action required**

None.

**7. Recognition & Announcements**

Commissioner Ortega announced Cleanup Day in Marathon on Saturday, April 25, 2025 at the Old Landfill location. On Friday night, April 24, 2025, a dance for PTO is fundraising to go Boston for a History Trip for the Marathon students. Commissioner Ortega also announced that a Marathon student, Kaden Lees, will compete at the State Track and Field Championships in the 800 meter race.

Commissioner Colando announced a fundraiser BBQ for the Robotics Team was held last week, April 19, 2025 to pay for expenses related to the Texas UIL State Championship.

Judge Henington announced the Bravo Health clinic opened in Terlingua last week. They are averaging 7-8 patients a day and have a small amount of pharmaceuticals for emergencies. There are no x-rays available yet. Johnson and Johnson are doing a film on rural health care in South County.

#### **8. County Judge Report - discussion and possible action**

##### **A. Discuss and take action to ratify agreement with Texas Disposal System to place a dumpster at the Red Pattillo Community Center, Terlingua, Texas**

Judge Henington announced a permanent dumpster has been delivered at the Community Center and the Bravo Health clinic. There is a contract underway for the clinic to pay a percentage of the dumpster bill. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

#### **9. Brewster County Project List**

None.

#### **10. Presentation from Texas Parks & Wildlife regarding bears in Brewster County - Discussion only; no action requested.**

Krysta Demere, Texas Parks and Wildlife, presented information on black bears in Brewster County.

#### **11. Kayse Muratori, 9-1-1 GIS Coordinator:**

##### **A. Review, discuss and take appropriate action on adding the following Big Bend National Park (BBNP) roadway to the Master Street Addressing Guide (MSAG) database:**

###### **1. WOOLY DEVIL COURT located off NOLINA DRIVE**

Kayse Muratori, 911 GIS Coordinator, presented (via Zoom) the roadway for WOOLY DEVIL COURT located off Nolina Drive. Judge Henington moved to approve the naming of the roadway to WOOLY DEVIL COURT as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

##### **B. Review, discuss and take appropriate action on the following BBNP roadway name in the MSAG database:**

###### **1. TECOLATE DRIVE; change to TECOLOTE DRIVE**

Ms. Muratori presented the roadway name correction from TECOLATE DRIVE to TECOLOTE DRIVE. Judge Henington moved to approve the corrected spelling of TECOLOTE DRIVE as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

##### **C. Review, discuss and take appropriate action on the following Sul Ross State University (SRSU) roadway name in the MSAG database:**

###### **1. LOBO TRAIL; located off RIO LOBO DRIVE on main campus; Revert back to original name "MOUNTAINSIDE DRIVE"**

Ms. Muratori presented the roadway to revert from LOBO TRAIL back to MOUNTAINSIDE DRIVE. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the naming of the roadway to MOUNTAINSIDE DRIVE as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

###### **2. RANCHO DEL LOBO DRIVE: located off US Highway 90 at the RAS campus; Revert back to original name "PASEO DEL NORTE"**

Ms. Muratori presented the roadway to revert from RANCHO DEL LOBO DRIVE back to PASEO DEL NORTE. Judge Henington moved to approve the naming of the roadway to PASEO DEL NORTE as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

##### **D. Program Updates; Discussion only**

Ms. Muratori presented an update on the GIS Coordinator's mapping system and the people signing up.

**12. Review, discuss and take action to approve Service Agreement Between OAG SAVNS Grantees and SylogistGov, Inc**

**A. Service Agreement**

Judge Henington moved to approve the Service Agreement between OAG SAVNS Grantees and SylogistGov, Inc. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**13. Review, discuss, and take action to adopt a resolution designating authorized representatives in relation to the County's 2025 TXCDBG Application**

**A. Resolution**

Judge Henington read the resolution of the 2025 TXCDBG Application into the minutes. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as read. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**14. 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**

**15. Emergency Management Department**

**A. General Report - Emergency Management Coordinator**

No reports.

**16. Treasurer's Office**

**A. Financial Reports / Updates**

No reports.

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

**17. Brewster County Comptroller**

**A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action regarding to**

**2. Line-Item Adjustments**

**Discuss and take action to approve a line item adjustment of \$50,000 for continued support of Audit Task Force**

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**1. Budget Amendments**

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

Judge Henington presented the general bills. Commissioner Morrow moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Ortega abstained from Pinnacle Propane. Commissioner Westermann recused himself from the discussion and vote.

**B. Financial Reports / Updates**

No reports.

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

None.

**18. 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 Brewster County Tourism report.

**C. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to approve contract for Houstonia Magazine**

Mr. Alvarez presented the Houstonia Magazine contract for \$6,000. Judge Henington moved to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**B. Discuss and take action on \$26,054 funding request by the Museum of the Big Bend related to a match funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The purpose of the funding will be to remodel a portion of the Museum of the Big Bend to display a large Texas map collection.**

Judge Henington presented the funding request, to be funded through the Tourism budget. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the \$26,054 funding as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**19. Court to recess to take a tour of the new Marathon Library - discussion only, no action**

Recess at 10:48 am

Reconvened at 11:26 am

**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 May 13, 2025, at 9:30 A.M.**

Judge Henington announced the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on May 13, 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 11:28 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).

