

**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

Special Commissioners Meeting: August 12, 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

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

2. Invocation by Pastor Sal Perales Jr. with First United Methodist Church

Pastor Sal Perales Jr. with First United Methodist Church gave an 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 July 22, 2025

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commissioners Court meeting of July 22, 2025. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

B. Special Commissioners Court Meeting of July 29, 2025

Commissioner Westermann moved to approve the minutes of the Special Commissioners Court meeting of July 29, 2025. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

C. Special Commissioners Court Meeting of August 5, 2025

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the minutes of the Special Commissioners Court meeting of August 5, 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

None.

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

None.

7. Recognition & Announcements

Judge Westermann thanked James Etchison and the volunteer fire fighters for going out to his property for a Controlled Burn.

8. County Judge Report, Action Items and 2026 Budget/Tax Rates

E. Review, discuss and take action to approve Order/Resolution for Sunshine House TDA grant

Amy Fields, Executive Director of the Sunshine House, and Chachi Hawkins, Volunteer, gave an update on how the contributions by Brewster County helps the community.

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Resolution for Sunshine House TDA grant. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

10. Review and discuss presentation by the Marathon Public Library; no action required

A. Marathon Public Library Presentation

Dara Cavness President of Board of Directors & Mary Beth Schaffer presented an update on the Marathon Public Library.

12. Review, discuss and take action regarding Justice of the Peace Fee Schedules

C. JP # 3 - Marathon- Judge Susana Gonzales presented updated Fee Schedule

B. JP # 2 - Terlingua- Judge Paul Rashott presented updated Fee Schedule

A. JP # 1 - Alpine- Judge Scott Wassermann presented updated Fee Schedule

11. Elections

A. Review, discuss and take necessary action regarding Election Judges for the Term of September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026

Jessica Elliot, Assistant Administrator Elections Office & Mary Bell Lockhart, President of the Elections Board presented the List of Elections Judges for the Term of September 1, 2025. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve Election Judges for the Term of September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2026. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

B. Review, discuss and take possible action regarding an Order for Elections on November 4, 2025

Jessica Elliot & Mary Bell Lockhart presented the Order for Elections. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Order for Elections on November 4, 2025. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

9. Brewster County Project List

A. Review, discuss and take action on three pending items related to Project Tracker List

1. Purchase of four adjustable stands for Smart Boards

Judge Henington moved to approve four adjustable stands for Smart Boards at \$1,800. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

2. Funding for repair of Brewster County Maintainer

Commissioner Judge Henington moved to approve repair of Brewster County Maintainer & adjust the amount to \$50,000 Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

3. Funding for repair of 2024 Dump Truck

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve repair of the 2024 Dump Truck for \$5,000. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

13. Road & Bridge Department

A. Superintendent's Report

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

Commissioner Ortega presented general report on behalf of Johnny Salcido, Road & Bridge Superintendent

14. Emergency Management Department

A. General Report - Emergency Management Coordinator

None.

15. Treasurer's Office

A. Financial Reports / Updates

None.

C. Review, discuss and take action regarding Sheriff's Office fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2026

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Sheriff's Office fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2026. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

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

None.

16. Brewster County Comptroller

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

1. Payment of Expenses

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

2. Budget / Line-Item Adjustments

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Budget / Line-Item Adjustments as presented with a caveat to get a formal contract for the Solar panel grant. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

B. Financial Reports / Updates

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

17. Brewster County Tourism

A. Report from Robert Alvarez, Executive Director:

General update, travel shows, marketing, finances, visitation status, project reports and issues

B. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to approve contract for AJR Media AAA ad

C. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to approve contract for Texas Country Reporter contract amendment

D. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to approve contract for Travel Adventure Shows for 2026 season - Dallas, Phoenix, New York

Judge Henington announced the next meeting of the Brewster County Tourism Council will be held on August 26, 2025 in the Val Beard Conference Room at 1:00 PM.

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the contract for AJR Media AAA ad; the contract for Texas Country Reporter contract amendment; and the contract for Travel Adventure Shows for 2026 season – Dallas, Phoenix, New York – as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

8. County Judge Report, Action Items and 2026 Budget/Tax Rates-

A. Review, discuss and take necessary action regarding the Proposed Brewster County 2026 Fiscal Year Budget

Judge Henington presented an update on the Proposed Brewster County 2026 Fiscal Year Budget.

B. Review, discuss and take action to schedule a Public Hearing date on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Brewster County Budget (LGC 111.007(b))

Judge Henington moved to schedule a Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Brewster County Budget (LGC 111.007(b)) for August 26, 2025 at 9:30 AM. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

C. Review, discuss and take action on the Proposed 2025 Tax Rates

Judge Henington moved to approve the Proposed 2025 Tax Rate. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; Judge Henington called a roll-call vote.

Commissioner Westermann - Aye

Commissioner Colando - Aye

Commissioner Ortega - Aye

Commissioner Morrow - Aye

Judge Henington - Aye; the motion passed 5-0.

D. Review, discuss and take action to schedule a Public Hearing date on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Brewster County Tax Rate (Tax Code 26.05 (d))

Judge Henington moved to schedule a Public Hearing on Proposed 2025 Brewster County Tax Rate (Tax Code 26.05 (d)) on August 26, 2025 at 9:30 AM. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

18. 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.

19. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on August 26, 2025, at 9:30 A.M.

Judge Henington announced the next Regular Meeting of the Commissioners Court on August 26, 2025 at 9:30 AM.

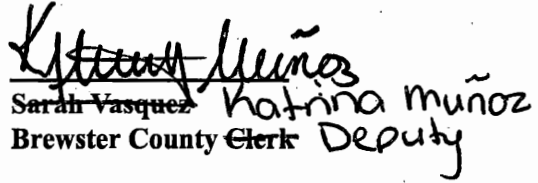
20. Adjourn

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM.

ATTEST:



Greg P. Henington
Brewster County Judge



~~Sarah Vasquez~~ **Katrina Muñoz**
Brewster County ~~Clerk~~ Deputy

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).