

**BREWSTER COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**JIM WESTERMANN**  
Commissioner, Pct.1

**RUBEN ORTEGA**  
Commissioner, Pct. 3



**SARA ALLEN COLANDO**  
Commissioner, Pct. 2

**MO MORROW**  
Commissioner, Pct.4

**GREG P. HENINGTON**  
County Judge

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**Regular Commissioners Meeting: April 28, 2026, at 9:30 A.M.**  
**Brewster County Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom**  
**201 West Ave. E Alpine, Texas 79830**

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**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
Sarah Lujan	County Clerk

**2. Invocation**

Judge Henington led 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 April 14, 2026**

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the April 14, 2026, minutes. 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. Recognition & Announcements**

Judge Henington announced Commissioner Ortega's birthday.

Commissioner Colando announced Terlingua Cleanup Day this Saturday. Residents only, no commercial waste, and no appliances with refrigerants.

Commissioner Ortega announced the prom in Marathon was a success.

Commissioner Morrow announced the ScrewWorm is getting closer to our area.

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

No report.

**8. Report from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent Luke Hendryx / Discussion only**

**A. Quarterly Report**

Luke Hendryx, AgriLife Extension agent, presented the quarterly report.

**9. County Judge - Reports and Action Items**

**A. Review, discuss and take possible action regarding the establishment and criteria for granting tax abatement in reinvestment zones in Brewster County**

Judge Henington suggested ideas to create guidelines in the future for granting tax abatement in Brewster County for future discussion and action.

**10. Review, discuss and take possible action regarding the solicitation of qualifications (RFQ) for construction manager/agent on TFEMS dormitory, Terlingua Visitor Center & Marathon Visitor Center**

**A. Tax Code Local Taxation**

**B. Brewster County Reinvestment Zones**

Justin Gilmore, Level 5 Architect, presented the solicitation of qualification (RFQ). Commissioner Ortega moved to proceed with the Construction Manager as agent. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**11. Review, discuss and take appropriate action on Resolution of proposed Border Wall recently adopted by the Brewster County Historical Commission**

**A. Resolution of the Brewster County Historical Commission**

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the resolution of the proposed Border Wall from the Brewster County Historical Commission. 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's general report. Mr. Salcido announced the County Cleanup Day for Alpine & Marathon will be on Saturday, May 9th at the Alpine Landfill and the Marathon R&B Yard.

**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**

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, presented the March monthly report. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

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

None.

**C. Grant Approval & Administration**

None.

**15. Brewster County Comptroller**

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

**B. Invoices with Purchase Orders**

Paty Saenz, County Comptroller Assistant, presented the general bills and the invoices with purchase orders.

Commissioner Ortea moved to approve as presented to pay the bills with POs. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**C. Invoices without Purchase Orders**

Assistant Comptroller Saenz presented the invoices without purchase orders. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as presented to pay the bills without POs. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Ortega abstained from Pinnacle Propane.

**D. Recurring Expenses**

Assistant Comptroller Saenz presented the recurring expenses. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**E. Line-Item Adjustments**

None.

**F. Budget Amendments**

Assistant Comptroller Saenz presented the budget amendments. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**G. Other Reports**

None,

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

Judge Henington announced budget talks with the finance committee on Wednesdays.

**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 with AAA Explorer Texas - E-newsletter Sponsored Content**

**C. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to approve contract with ClearChannel Billboards in El Paso and San Antonio**

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the AAA Explorer Texas E-newsletter and the ClearChannel Billboards in El Paso and San Antonio. 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 May 12, 2026, at 9:30 A.M.**

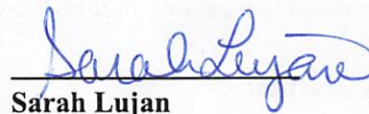
Judge Henington announced the next Commissioners Court meeting will be held on May 12, 2026 at 9:30AM.

**19. Adjourn**

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:51 A.M.



**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).