

**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: February 24, 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 9:31 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 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 February 10, 2026**

Commissioner Morrow moved to approve the February 10, 2026, minutes. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**B. Commissioners Court Meeting of February 19, 2026**

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the February 19, 2026, minutes. 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. Recognition & Announcements**

Commissioner Ortega announced a successful Fish Fry fundraiser with an estimated collection of \$20,445.

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

No report.

**8. Sheriff's Office**

**A. Review, discuss and take action to retire HIDTA K9 Latek. Introduction of new HIDTA K9 Milo**

Ronny Dodson, County Sheriff, introduced the new HIDTA K9, Milo. Sheriff Dodson requested approval to retire the current HIDTA K9, Latek, into the permanent custody of Sargent Chris Roach. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the retirement of Latek to Sgt. Roach for the rest of his life. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the new HIDTA K9, Milo, as the new drug dog. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

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

**A. Report on salvage auction results**

Judge Henington presented the auction items which have been sold, generating \$2055.00 in net proceeds.

**B. Review, discuss and take action on Master Mutual Aid Agreement**

Judge Henington presented a Master Mutual Aid Agreement for assistance between Jeff Davis County, Presidio County, Terrell County, Pecos County, and Brewster County. Judge Henington moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**17. Treasurer's Office**

**A. Financial Reports / Updates**

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, presented the First Quarterly Investment Report for Fiscal Year 2026. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the report as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Treasurer Morton presented the Monthly Treasurer's Report for January 2026. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the report as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

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

None.

**C. Grant Approval & Administration**

**1. Review, discuss and take action on ratification of Fiscal Year 2025 resolution for Operation Stone Garden**

Judge Henington presented the resolution for FY25 Operation StoneGarden. It was signed prior to court approval due to a deadline. Commissioner Ortega moved to ratify the resolution as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**2. Review, discuss and take possible action to authorize a resolution adopting civil rights policies in conjunction with the TxCDBG CDV25- 0401 Grant**

Judge Henington presented the Resolution Regarding Civil Rights. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the resolution to adopt the policies for the TxCDBG CDV25-0401 Grant. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**3. Review and discuss Section 3 Policy updated information for the County's TxCDBG Contract CDV25-0401 grant**

Judge Henington presented an update on the Section 3 Policy for the County's TxCDBG Contract CDV25-0401 Grant.

**18. Brewster County Comptroller**

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

**B. Invoices with Purchase Orders**

Malynda Richarson, County Comptroller, presented the general bills and the invoices with purchase orders. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Commissioner Ortega abstained from Pinnacle Propane.

**C. Invoices without Purchase Orders**

Comptroller Richadson presented the invoices without purchase orders. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**D. Recurring Expenses**

Comptroller Richardson 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**

Comptroller Richardson presented the FY25 HIDTA Operation StoneGarden to take effect March 2026, and the funds need to be setup for payroll. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Budget Amendment as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**G. Other Reports**

None.

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

None.

**10. Review, discuss and take possible action to accept a donation of an Type 1 ambulance from Glasscock County**

**A. Photos of Type 1 ambulance**

Judge Henington presented a donation of a Type 1 ambulance for \$1. The ambulance will need to be stored until it is registered and used in Marathon. Judge Henington moved to accept the donation of a Type 1 ambulance from Glasscock County. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**11. Review, discuss and take possible action to declare the following as salvage and eligible for online auction and, if not sold in 10 days by public auction, available for destruction or disposal (LGC 263.151, 263.152)**

**A. Desk Pad**

**B. Small Hutch**

**C. Scanner**

**D. Desk**

Commissioner Ortega moved to declare the presented items as salvage and eligible for online auction. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**12. Kayse Muratori, 9-1-1 GIS Coordinator**

**A. Review, discuss and take appropriate action on adding the following roadways to the MSAG database:**

- 1. Add roadway MATHEWS DRIVE located off GRASS DRAW ROAD in the Terlingua Ranch Subdivision**

Kayse Muratori, 911 GIS Coordinator, presented the addition of Mathews Drive to the master street addressing guide. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the addition of Mathews Drive to the 911 maps. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. Judge Henington reminded the public that acceptance into the MSAG database does not imply that Mathews Drive is a county road.

### **B. Program Updates/ Discussion only**

Ms. Muratori presented an update stating the census has removed Brewster County from their testing list.

Ms. Muratori announced there is a four to six week delay on all new address requests. She will be conducting a quality check on all phone carriers today including the text-to-911 feature and the link sent to activate the camera if needed. Brewster County maps are almost completed and will be printed by voting precinct.

## **13. Road & Bridge Department**

### **A. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Johnny Salcido presented the Road and Bridge department's general report.

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

None.

## **14. Emergency Management Department**

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

James Etchinson, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented an Emergency Management Department.

## **15. Review, discuss and take action to purchase a 2025 Ford Interceptor SUV for Emergency Management. Funding to come from LATCF**

### **A. Contract for purchase of Ford Interceptor**

Judge Henington stated that Enterprise found an F250 truck from Fort Stockton which may be better suited.

## **16. County Clerk**

### **A. Review, discuss and take possible action on two proposals regarding digitization of county records**

#### **1. Proposal 1 - Deeds and General Files**

Sarah Lujan, County Clerk, presented the contract with Terralogic for the indexing of all typed deed records books. This project would take up to a year. Every Friday the County Clerk's Office will receive an excel format and update the county records from that week. Funds will be pulled from the County Clerk's Records Management and Preservation line. Commissioner Colando moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

#### **2. Proposal 2 - Oil & Gas Records**

County Clerk Lujan presented a digitalization contract with Terralogic for the Oil and Gas Records. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the digitization of the Oil and Gas Records to be paid with the LATCF fund. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

## **19. 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 of Visit Big Bend, presented an update.

**B. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to approve contract with Herman Global for digital content on Visit USA Parks website and social channels**

Judge Henington moved to approve the Herman Global contract. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**C. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to approve contract for Texas Parks and Wildlife Annual State Park Guide - ½ pg and ¼ pg ads**

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the contract for Texas Parks and Wildlife Annual State Park Guide. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**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.

**A. Convene into a Closed Meeting under Section 551.089 of the Government Code (Open Government) that allows a governmental body to conduct a closed meeting to deliberate 1) security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology or 2) network security information as described by Section 2059.055 of the Government Code or 3) the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices**

Court recessed at 10:55 A.M.

Court reconvened at 11:03 A.M.

**B. Reconvene in open court to review, discuss and take possible action on items discussed in Closed Meeting**

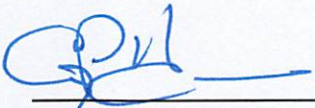
Judge Henington moved to approve the security measures presented in closed session. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**21. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on March 10, 2026, at 9:30 A.M.**

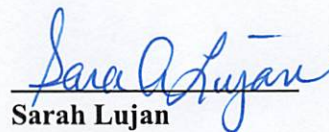
Judge Henington announced the next Regular Commissioner Court meeting on March 10, 2026, at 9:30 AM.

**22. Adjourn**

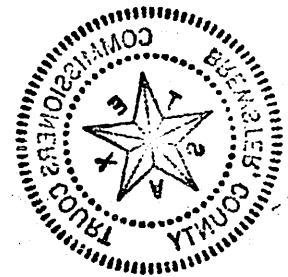
Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:03 A.M.

  
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Greg P. Henington  
Brewster County Judge



  
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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).