

**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

Regular Commissioners Meeting: June 23, 2026, 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
Sarah Fellows Martinez	District Clerk
Sarah Lujan	County Clerk (via YouTube)

2. Invocation

Invocation led 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 May 26, 2026

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the May 26, 2026, minutes. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

B. Commissioners Court Meeting of June 02, 2026

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the June 2, 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

Commissioner Westermann recognized the Road and Bridge Department for a successful cleanout from the rain.

7. 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. Review, discuss and take any action necessary regarding annual report from Emergency Services District # 1; financial and operational update

Christin Orren, Board President of the ESD #1, and Adam Daly, Treasurer ESD #1, presented the annual report from Emergency Services District #1.

9. Presentation by Family Crisis Center of the Big Bend; review, discuss and take possible action regarding the Sexual Assault Response Team biennial report

A. SART Update

Virginia Sandoval, SART representative, and Naomi Hernandez, presented the Sexual Assault Response Team's program update.

B. Biennial Report

Ms. Hernandez presented the Biennial report.

14. Emergency Management Department

A. General Report - Emergency Management Coordinator

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

B. Review, discuss and take possible action to renew or modify the Brewster County Burn Ban from July 01, 2026, through September 28, 2026

Commissioner Morrow moved to approve the Burn Ban Order as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

C. Review, discuss and take appropriate action on Fireworks Ban Order

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Fireworks Ban Order as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

11. Review, discuss and take possible action regarding Screwworm Resolution for Brewster County

A. Screwworm Resolution

Aspen Wash, Inspector from the Texas Animal Health Commission, presented an update on the New World Screwworm Fly in Texas. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Screwworm Resolution. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

12. Review, discuss and take possible action to purchase a livestock trailer for Texas Ag Extension Service; Presentation by Luke Hendryx

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

A. Livestock Trailer Proposal

Mr. Hendryx presented a proposal to purchase a livestock trailer for 4H events. Judge Henington suggested using money from different funds to help pay for it such as tourism for advertising and LATCF. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve up to \$12,500 from LATCF for the purchase of a livestock trailer. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

10. County Judge - Reports and Action Items

A. Review, discuss and take action regarding Fiscal Year 2027 employee health insurance rates and plans

Judge Henington presented the FY27 employee health insurance rates and plans. Judge Henington moved to approve Option 1 for FY27. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 3-2 with opposition by Commissioner Colando and Commissioner Ortega.

B. Review, discuss and take action to approve contract with Texas Communities Group to assist in the sale of strike-out properties

Perdue has offered to advertise for strikeout properties at no cost to the county for sale. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the contract with Texas Communities Group as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

C. Report on property tax sale from June 2, 2026; discussion only, no action required

Agenda Item discussed with agenda item 10#B.

13. Road & Bridge Department

A. Superintendent's Report

Commissioner Ortega presented the Road and Bridge report on behalf of Superintendent Johnny Salcido.

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

15. Treasurer's Office

A. Financial Reports / Updates

Julie Morton, County Treasurer, presented the May 2026 monthly report and a new Cash Report. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

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

None.

D. Review, discuss and take possible action regarding Sheriff's Office position (Corporal) and Jail position (Corporal)

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the promotions for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

C. Grant Approval & Administration

Judge Henington presented an updated LATCF expenditure list. Commissioner Colando moved to approve LATCF expenditures with the noted addition of \$12,500 for the Ag Extension department. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

16. Brewster County Comptroller

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action regarding to B. Invoices with Purchase Orders

Malynda Richardson, County Comptroller, presented the invoices with purchase orders.

C. Invoices without Purchase Orders

Comptroller Richardson presented the invoices without purchase orders.

D. Recurring Expenses

Comptroller Richardson presented the recurring expenses.

E. Line-Item Adjustments

None.

F. Budget Amendments

Comptroller Richardson presented the budget amendments.

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve all the presented Comptroller reports. 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.

I. Review, discuss and take action regarding Engagement Letter from Singleton, Clark & Company, CPAs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026

Comptroller Richardson announced Singleton and Clark Associates has caught up on audits. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the engagement letter from Singleton and Clark Associates for the FY26 audit. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

17. Brewster County Tourism

A. Report from Robert Alvarez, Executive Director:

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

No report.

B. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to approve contract for the State Fair Agreement with the Texas Department of Agriculture

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the State Fair Agreement. Commissioner Colando 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.

None.

19. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on July 14, 2026, at 9:30 A.M.

Judge Henington announced the next regular Commissioner Court meeting on July 14, 2026, at 9:30 am.

20. Review, discuss and take action to establish Special Meeting Dates for 2027 Budget. Suggested dates are July 21, August 4, 18 and September 15

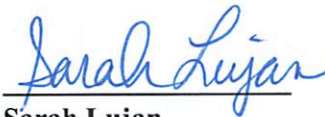
Judge Henington proposed dates for special meetings to start the FY27 budget hearings.

21. Adjourn

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 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).