

**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: May 26, 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
Sarah Fellows-Martinez	District Clerk

Katrina Muñoz present for County Clerk, Sarah Lujan who was absent.

William "Mo" Morrow, Commissioner Pct. 4, was absent.

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 12, 2026

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the May 12, 2026, minutes. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

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 recognized all the graduates of Class of 2026 and congratulated them on their hard work and success.

Treasurer, Julie Morton, reminded the public that today is the runoff election day for the primary election.

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

No report

8. County Judge - Reports and Action Items

A. Review, discuss, and take action to approve bonds and oaths for the Assistant Treasurer

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve bonds and oaths for the Assistant Treasurer. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

B. Review, discuss, and take action to approve Sheriff's Notary Public bond and oath

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the Sheriff's Notary Public bond and oath. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

9. Review, discuss and take possible action regarding the financing structure of the Visitor Centers in Terlingua & Marathon. Presentation by Specialized Public Finance, Inc

A. Presentation

William Smith with Specialized Public Finance Inc, presented a financing proposal for the visitors center in Terlingua & Marathon with tax notes. Waiting on the next audit before allowing bids to start, after it is received bids will go out and the awarded bid will be announced in Commissioners Court on July 28th. Tax notes will not only be bid on in Texas but also nationally where the County may get a more competitive rate.

B. Review, discuss and take possible action to approve a resolution allowing reimbursement of expenses related to construction of visitors centers in Terlingua and Marathon from any loan proceeds received by the county

Judge Henington moved to approve a resolution allowing reimbursement of expenses related to construction of visitors centers in Terlingua and Marathon from any loan proceeds received by the county. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

10. Review, discuss and take action regarding Brewster County's Tax Abatement Guidelines. Please Note: The discussion and action on the Guidelines is part of Brewster County's compliance with Section 312.002 of the State Tax Code. There are NO pending requests at this time for any tax abatements

A. Proposed guidelines

Judge Henington presented the proposed Tax Abatement Guidelines and explained that if a data center wanted to buy property in Brewster County there is no leeway to oppose or establish restrictions but if an abatement is involved, there may be more room for negotiations. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve Brewster County's Tax Abatement Guidelines. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

11. 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.

12. Emergency Management Department

A. General Report - Emergency Management Coordinator

James Etchinson, Emergency Management Coordinator, had nothing to report. The Court recognized that James is now a certified EMT.

13. Treasurer's Office

A. Financial Reports / Updates

Treasurer Julie Morton presented a general report for April 2026. Judge Henington motioned to approve the April 2025 Treasurers report as presented, Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the April 2025 general report as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

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

1. Review, discuss and take action regarding update to Special Qualifications Pay policy

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the changes to the Special Qualifications Pay policy. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

2. Review, discuss and take action to implement WEX fuel card program for Brewster County vehicles

Judge Henington moved to approve and implement the WEX fuel card program for Brewster County vehicles. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0

C. Grant Approval & Administration

None.

14. Brewster County Comptroller

A. General Bills / Discussion and appropriate action regarding to

Malynda Richardson, County Comptroller, presented a general report

B. Invoices with Purchase Orders

Malynda Richardson, County Comptroller, presented the invoices with purchase orders; Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as presented to pay the bills with POs. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

C. Invoices without Purchase Orders

Comptroller Richardson presented the invoices without purchase orders. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as presented to pay the bills without POs. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

D. Recurring Expenses

Comptroller Richardson presented the recurring expenses. Judge Henington moved to approve as presented and add ZELLE to recurring expenses. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

E. Line-Item Adjustments

Comptroller Richardson presented the line-item adjustments and budget amendments. Judge Henington moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

F. Budget Amendments

Judge Henington moved to approve using the LATCF to cover the \$35,000 for removal and disposal of tires. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0

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

1. Review, discuss and take action to approve LATCF as funding source for 2026 Dump Day expenses

Discussed and approved on F

H. Other Reports

None.

15. Brewster County Tourism

A. Report from Robert Alvarez, Executive Director: General update, travel shows, marketing, finances, visitation status, project reports and issues

Executive Director Robert Alvarez presented general report

16. 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.

17. Schedule next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on June 9, 2026, at 9:30 A.M.

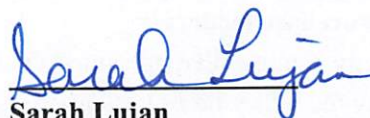
Judge Henington asked the court to move the June 9th meeting to June 2nd and keep the June 23rd Commissioners Court Meeting the same. Judge Henington moved to approve moving the June 9th Commissioners Court meeting to June 2nd. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

18. Adjourn

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:39 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).