

**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: January 27, 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
Sarah Lujan	County Clerk

Ruben Ortega, Commissioner Pct. 3, and William "Mo" Morrow, Commissioner Pct. 4, were absent.

Commissioner Morrow arrived at 9:55 AM during Agenda Item #8(C).

**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 December 9, 2025**

Commissioner Colando moved to approve December 9, 2025, minutes as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion: motion passed 3-0.

**B. Commissioners Court Meeting of January 13, 2026**

No minutes.

**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**

No comments.

**6. Recognition & Announcements**

Commissioner Westermann recognized the city and county Road & Bridge Departments for keeping up with the roads with the winter weather.

**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.

**9. Review, discuss and take action on report from Brewster County Sheriff's Office regarding annual profiling statistics**

**A. 2025 Profiling Report**

Sheriff Ronny Dodson presented the annual Profiling Report for 2025.

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

**A. Review, discuss and take possible action to purchase and install two overhead doors at the Marathon Fire Station. Funding to be provided by LATCF**

Judge Henington presented a proposal from the Overhead Door Company of Odessa for \$15,964.00 to install two doors at the Marathon Fire Station. Judge Henington moved to approve the purchase as presented with funding from LATCF. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0.

**B. Review, discuss, and take action to approve bonds and oaths for the Elections Administrator and Part-Time Deputy County Clerk**

Judge Henington presented the bonds and oaths for the Elections Administrator and part time Deputy County Clerk. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the bonds and oaths as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0.

**C. Review, discuss and take possible action on AirMed Subscription Services to be offered to Brewster County Employees**

Xavier Rivera, AirMedCare Network (AMNC) representative, presented the group membership proposal for Brewster County Employees. Commissioner Morrow moved to offer the county employees the AMNC subscription at their own expense. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**14. Review, discuss and take possible action regarding Engagement of Singleton, Clark as outside auditor for fiscal year 2025**

**A. Engagement Letter - FY 2025**

Judge Henington presented the engagement letter from Singleton, Clark & Company. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the Engagement Letter from Singleton, Clark & Company for FY25 Audit as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**15. Review, discuss and take possible action regarding final plat approval for Terlingua Ranch Tract 2071, Block 04, Section 296 (Mathews)**

Mary and Matt Mathews presented the final plat application for replat of Terlingua Ranch Tract #2071. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the final plat application with corrected verbiage. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**16. Review, discuss and take possible action to approve final plat application for re-plat of 11.704 acres within Los Montanas Subdivision, Lajitas, Texas**

Judge Henington presented the final plat application for replat of 11.704 acres within Las Montañas Subdivision in Lajitas. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the final plat application as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**17. 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. Hand Thermometers**

Judge Henington presented and Commissioner Morrow moved to approve the thermometers as salvage. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

**B. Stainless Tables**

Judge Henington presented the Stainless Tables will be kept for the new Terlingua Visitor Center.

**18. Review, discuss and take action to approve or ratify the following Agreements:**

**A. Brewster County Groundwater Conservation District**

**B. Big Bend Chamber of Commerce**

**C. Marathon Chamber of Commerce**

Judge Henington presented Agreements with Brewster County Groundwater Conservation District, Big Bend Chamber of Commerce, and Marathon Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Colando moved to ratify the presented agreements.

Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion: motion passed 4-0.

**10. 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**

No permits. but one pending.

**11. Emergency Management Department**

**B. Review, discuss and take possible action to renew or modify the Brewster County Burn Ban from January 27, 2026 through March 13, 2026**

James Etchinson, Emergency Management Coordinator, presented the Burn Ban Order. Commissioner Colando moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion: motion passed 4-0.

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

EMC Etchinson presented the general report.

**12. Treasurer's Office**

**A. Financial Reports / Updates**

Judge Henington telephoned Julie Morton, County Treasurer, for the financial report. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the Treasurer's Monthly financial report as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion: motion passed 4-0.

**B. Grant Approval & Administration**

None.

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

None.

**13. Brewster County Comptroller**

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

**1. Payment of Expenses**

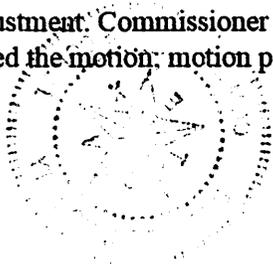
Malynda Richardson, County Comptroller, presented three reports for payment of expenses. Commissioner Colando moved to approve reports as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion: motion passed 4-0.

**2. Budget / Line-Item Adjustments**

Comptroller Richardson presented a budget/line-item adjustment. Commissioner Morrow moved to approve the Budget Adjustment as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion: motion passed 4-0.

**B. Financial Reports / Updates**

None.



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

None.

**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, presented a general report for Brewster County Tourism. The next meeting of the Brewster County Tourism Council will be held on February 9, 2026 at 1:00PM, located at the county offices in Alpine. Human Trafficking Prevention training in Marathon, Texas, on February 5, 2026, as required by law.

**B. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to approve contract for Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine Ad**

**C. Review, discuss and take appropriate action to approve contract for 2026 Advertising Insertion Order**

Mr Alvarez presented the Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine Ad and the 2026 Advertising Insertion Order for Bird Watchers Digest. Commissioner Colando moved to approve both contracts as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion: motion passed 4-0.

**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.

Court recessed at 11:04 AM.

Court reconvened at 11:21 AM.

**A. Convene into a Closed Meeting under Section 551.076 of the Government Code (Open Government) that allows a governmental body to conduct a closed meeting to deliberate 1) the deployment or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices or 2) a security audit**

**B. Reconvene into Open Meeting to take action on items discussed in Closed Meeting under item A above**

Judge Henington moved to open a new Operating/Clearing Account at TransPecos Bank. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion: motion passed 4-0.

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

Judge Henington announced the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on February 10, 2026, at 9:30 A.M.

**22. Adjourn**

Commissioner Colando moved to adjourn. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion: motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:22 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).