

**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: March 24, 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

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 March 10, 2025

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

B. Commissioners Court Meeting of March 17, 2026

Commissioner Morrow moved to approve the March 17, 2026, minutes. Commissioner Westermann 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

Bruce Stammer, Terlingua property owner, spoke on a road created on his property that should not have been created. He requested a policy and notice for residents to be notified before roads are created.

6. Recognition & Announcements

None.

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

No report.

8. Presentation by Big Bend Regional Hospital District regarding the Rural Texas Strong Grant and how Brewster County may participate; Discussion and possible action

Lynette Breham, Big Bend Regional Hospital District representative, and Dr. Toby Hamilton gave a presentation explaining the Rural Texas Strong Grant.

9. Presentation from Public Power Pool regarding Brewster County's participation in the P3 power program. No action required

A. PPP Presentation

David Quinn presented the Public Power Pool, P3.

10. County Judge - Reports and Action Items

A. Review, discuss and take action to approve the replacement of 2 Five ton A/C units at the Red Patillo Center in Study Butte, Texas. Proposed funding is from LATCF

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve a replacement of two A/C units. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

B. Review, discuss and take action to update Dell Finance Contract for the purchase of 10 computers:

1. New Proposed Contract

2. Original approved contract from February 10, 2026

Judge Henington presented the new contract with a slightly higher payment. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the new contract. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

11. Elections

A. Report from Election Administrator about 2026 primary results and operation; discussion only, no action required

Cynthia Cox, Elections Administrator, presented the 2026 primary results. May 26th is the run off election with only one week of early voting.

12. Sheriff

A. Review, discuss and take action on the following Interlocal Jail agreements for the purposes of housing other county inmates:

1. Interlocal Jail Agreement - Upton County

2. Interlocal Agreement - Culberson County

Sheriff Ronny Dodson presented two interlocal jail agreements with Upton and Culberson Counties. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve both contracts as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

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 report.

B. Review, discuss and take action to approve funding for the repair of transmission on EMC Dodge truck

Commissioner Ortega moved to approve the repair of a transmission with a \$10,000 limit. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

15. Treasurer's Office

A. Financial Reports / Updates

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

Judge Henington presented 2021 unpaid bills with Alpine ISD. Dr. Rhineheart, Superintendent Alpine ISD, suggested the school pay 2021 unpaid bill in two payments in this upcoming fiscal year and the following. Judge Henington moved to approve the split payment from Alpine ISD. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

B. Review, discuss and take action on A/R report

Treasurer Morton presented the A/R report.

C. Grant Approval & Administration

1. Review, discuss and take action on the following updated resolutions: FY27 - Body Worn Camera Resolution FY25 - Operation Stonegarden

Commissioner Colando moved to approve the FY27 Resolution for Body Worn Camera as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Morrow moved to approve the FY25 Resolution for Operation Stonegarden as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

2. Review, discuss and take possible action on Grant Summary report

No report.

D. Review, discuss and take possible action to approve the initiation of the process to seek bids for Brewster County depository accounts

Commissioner Morrow moved to approve the process to seek bids for the depository accounts. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

E. Review, discuss and take possible action to payoff balance due on CAT Mulcher lease

Judge Henington proposed to pay off the CAT Mulcher lease of \$8849.79. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the payoff amount as presented. Commissioner Ortega seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

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

None.

16. 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 Colando moved to approve as presented with the hold of payment for the Mesa and YouTube bills. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

C. Invoices without Purchase Orders

Comptroller Richadson presented the two invoice packets without purchase orders. Commissioner Ortega moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

D. Recurring Expenses

None.

E. Line-Item Adjustments

None.

F. Budget Amendments

Comptroller Richardson presented the budget adjustments. Commissioner Colando moved to approve as presented. Commissioner Morrow seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

G. Other Reports

Comptroller Richardson announced an update on the audit for LATCF.

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

17. County Clerk

A. Review, discuss, and take possible action regarding Monthly Reporting in accordance with LGC Section 114.044

Sarah Lujan, County Clerk, presented the February monthly report per LGC Sec. 114.044.

18. Brewster County Tourism

A. Report from Robert Alvarez, Executive Director:

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

No report.

19. 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.

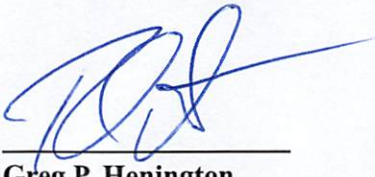
If necessary, following any closed or executive meeting the Commissioners Court will convene in open session to take any final action, decision, or vote on any matter deliberated in closed meeting which has properly been noticed in compliance with Chapter 551 Government Code of Texas.

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

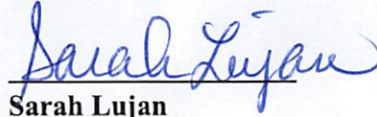
Judge Henington announced the next Regular Commissioner Court Meeting on April 16, 2026, at 9:30 A.M.

21. Adjourn

Commissioner Ortega moved to adjourn. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:56 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).

