

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BREWSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021 AT 9:30 A.M.**  
**BREWSTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM**  
**201 W AVE E**  
**ALPINE, TEXAS**

Judge Cano called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m., the following Elected Officials were present:

Eleazar R. Cano	County Judge
Jim Westermann	Commissioner Pct. 1
Sara Allen Colando	Commissioner Pct. 2
Sarah Vasquez	County Clerk

Ruben Ortega, Commissioner Pct. 3, and Mike “Coach” Pallanez, Commissioner Pct. 4, were absent.

**Members of the public who are not able to participate in person, are encouraged to watch the meetings live online, at [www.brewstercountytexas.com](http://www.brewstercountytexas.com) or Brewster County, Texas (County's Facebook page). Members of the public are also encouraged to participate in public comment by calling telephone number 432-538-2028. This temporary suspension will leave important Open Meetings Act (Section 551.043, Texas Government Code) protections in place.**

**AGENDA**

**1. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance**

Invocation and Pledge were led by Judge Cano. Commissioner Westermann led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

**2. Minutes / additions / corrections / approval**

No minutes.

**3. Public Comment - Comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Court is limited in its ability to respond to comments.**

No comments.

**4. Recognitions & Announcements**

**A. Last Commissioners Court for the 2021 calendar year.**

Judge Cano recognized this last Commissioner’s Court for 2021.

Commissioner Colando announced the Black Eyed Pea-Off on New Year’s Day in Terlingua Ghost Town. Event will start at 2 pm.

**5. Emergency Management Department**

**A. General Report including:**

**Recent emergency responses; emergency planning update; recent work with cooperating emergency responders: (ESD #1, all VFD's and EMS); update on needs, programs, training, recent work with other governmental entities; equipment for emergency response and updates regarding needs, maintenance, repairs, replacement, and additions; burn bans, emergency management issues related to public and private insurance coverage, personnel issues related to emergency response, matters related to pending & future Homeland Security, FEMA Grant & Updates on Coronavirus (COVID-19) / Discussion and appropriate action**

Stephanie Elmore, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported an update on Coronavirus, COVID-19. Local statistics up to date as of December 28, 2021: 8 active cases, 0 hospitalizations, and 23 fatalities. Winter Weather meeting with TxDot will be Thursday, December 30, 2021.

**6. Road & Bridge Department / Community Facilities**

**A. Road & Bridge Superintendent's Report**

General updates on maintenance and repairs for all county roads; road materials including, fuel, supplies including usage & inventories & future needs; equipment including heavy equipment, (maintenance repairs, future needs, replacement, and additions), pickups, trailers and other light vehicles and accessories, and small equipment, (usage, future needs), equipment rentals; facilities (yards in Alpine, Marathon and S. County) and community facilities (assistance with maintenance and other related issues); assistance to other governmental entities and emergency responders; personnel issues, (vacancies, new hires, performance and safety); permits for boring or trenching for utilities across County Roads

Judge Cano presented a tentative report on behalf of Superintendent Causey for the Road and Bridge Department.

**B. Discussion and appropriate action for general work of Road & Bridge Department & Community Facilities to go forward**

**7. Community Facilities Report**

**A. General Report**

Judge Cano presented the Community Facilities Report on behalf of Johnny Valencia.

**B. Discuss and consider roof repairs for county facilities- Courthouse, Sheriff department, County jail, Road and Bridge building, and Study Club Museum.**

**8. Discussion and appropriate action to accept conveyance of land adjacent to Brewster County Jail detention facility.**

Judge Cano presented the conveyance of land adjacent to Brewster County Jail (Detention Facility). Commissioner Westermann moved to approve and accept the conveyance of land adjacent to Brewster County Jail. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0.

**9. Treasurer's Office**

**A. Financial Reports / Updates, discussion, review, and appropriate action concerning the following:**

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| <b>Combined Statement of Revenues &amp; Expenses</b>        | <b>Payroll Reports</b>       |
| <b>Check Register</b>                                       | <b>Receipt File Listings</b> |
| <b>Personnel/Overtime Reports</b>                           | <b>Cash Reports</b>          |
| <b>Other Financial Report as Requested by Commissioners</b> | <b>Grants Reports</b>        |

No reports.

**B. Other general administrative & procedural matters related to Treasurer's Office / Discussion and appropriate action for work of Treasurer's Office to go forward**

**10. Brewster County Auditor**

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

Patty Roach, County Auditor, presented the general bills and no walk-ins. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the general bills as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0.

**B. Financial Reports / Updates, discussion,review, and appropriate action concerning the following:**

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| <b>Budget Amendments</b>                                     | <b>Line Item Transfers</b> |
| <b>Other Financial Reports as Requested by Commissioners</b> |                            |

Auditor Roach presented the Budget Amendment for the HIDTA-Alpine Grant G21SW004. Commissioner Westermann moved that the Brewster County Commissioners Court confirm the County Auditor’s certification and decrease the HIDTA-Alpine G21SW0004A budget in accordance with the attached budget amendment form. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0.

Auditor Roach presented Line Item Transfers. Commissioner Westermann moved to approve line item transfers as presented. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0.

**C. Other general administrative and procedural matters related to Auditor's Office / Discussion and appropriate action for work of Auditor's Office to go forward**

**11. Discussion and appropriate action on NetData extraction agreement for the County Attorney and County Clerk's offices.**

Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk, presented the NetData Extraction Agreement. Auditor Roach stated the cost is within the Records Management Budget. Commissioner Westermann moved to approve the NetDataExtraction Agreement. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed; 3-0.

**12. West Texas Ambulance and Terlingua Fire/ EMS**

**A. Discuss and consider resolution terming FY 22 agreement with West Texas Ambulance Service effective 12-31-2021 B. Discuss and consider approving Terlingua Fire and EMS to provide emergency medical service to the same coverage areas provided by WTA effective 1-1-2022. Discussion and appropriate action.**

Greg Henington, Terlingua Fire and EMS Chief, presented a resolution terming FY22 agreement with West Texas Ambulance Service and an Agreement with Terlingua Fire & EMS, Inc. to provide emergency medical service to the same coverage areas previously provided by West Texas Ambulance Service. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the resolution terming FY22 agreement with West Texas Ambulance Service. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Colando moved to approve the agreement with Terlingua Fire & EMS, Inc. to provide emergency medical service as presented. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0.

**13. Discussion and consider adopting the Office of the Attorney General representation regarding the opioid settlement.**

Sarah Leon and James Holian, from the Office of the Attorney General of Texas, gave a presentation regarding the opioid settlement.

**A. Discussion and appropriate action to sign Texas Term Sheet by Resolution.**

Commissioner Westermann moved to adopt and sign the Texas Term Sheet by Resolution. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0.

**B. Discussion and appropriate action to sign the Settlement Participation Form.**

**C. Discussion and appropriate action to sign the Subdivision Settlement Participation Form.**

**14. Elections**

**A. Purchase of Tabulation Computer from Election Systems & Software utilizing HAVA Security Grant fund. Discussion and appropriate action.**

Lora Nussbaum, Elections Administrator, requested to purchase a Tabulation Computer using HAVA Grant funds. Commissioner Westermann moved to approve the purchase of the Tabulation Computer. Commissioner Colando seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0.

**15. Officials' Monthly Reports**

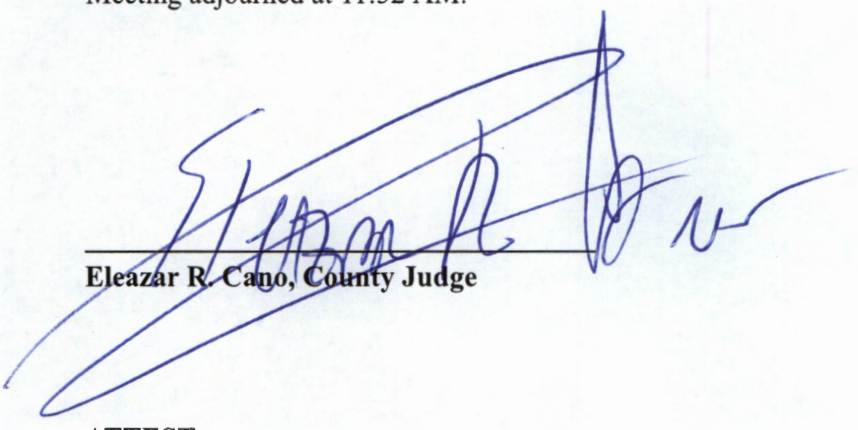
Commissioner Westermann read the Officials' Monthly Report. Commissioner Colando moved to approve the reports as read. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0.

**16. Scheduled Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on January 11,2022 at 9:30 A.M.**

Judge Cano announced the next Regular Commissioners Court Meeting on January 11, 2022, at 9:30 A.M.

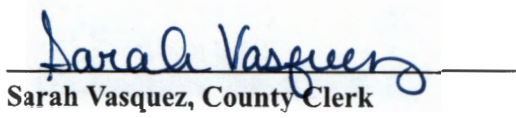
**17. Adjourn**

Commissioner Colando moved to adjourn. Commissioner Westermann seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:52 AM.

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**Eleazar R. Cano, County Judge**

**ATTEST:**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and clearly legible as 'Sarah Vasquez'.

**Sarah Vasquez, County Clerk**