



PRESIDIO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, March 25th, 2026, BEGINNING AT 11:00 A.M.

**IN THE PRESIDIO COUNTY ANNEX, BUILDING B,
300 E. O'REILLY ST., PRESIDIO, TEXAS 79845.**

THE MEETING WILL ALSO BE HELD VIRTUALLY. *

Some members of the Commissioners Court and/or Presidio County employees may participate by video-conference, pursuant to Section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code. A quorum of the Commissioners Court will be physically present at 300 E. O'REILLY ST., PRESIDIO, TEXAS. A member of the Commissioners Court who is presiding over the meeting will also be physically present at the location listed above. The Commissioner(s) participating by video conference will be visible and audible to the public at the Judge's office.

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Meeting ID: 858 8627 8020

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Presidio County Commissioners Court

JOSE PORTILLO, JR., County Judge

DEIRDRE HISLER, Commissioner Pct. 1

Obed Escontrias, Commissioner Pct. 3

MARGARITO HERNANDEZ, Commissioner Pct. 2

FRANK (BUDDY) KNIGHT, Commissioner Pct. 4

Open Meeting

COUNTY JUDGE

Call to Order, Quorum Check

Meeting called to order at 11:00 am

County Judge, Jose Portillo, Jr. - Absent

Commissioner Pct 1, Deirdre Hisler - Present

Commissioner Pct 2, Margarito Hernandez - Present

Commissioner Pct 3, Obed Escontrias - Present (Judge Pro Tem)

Commissioner Pct 4, Frank "Buddy" Knight - Absent

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

Commissioner Escontrias (Judge Pro Tem)

Public comments.

Justin Hankins - Manager of Chinati Hot Springs - Road maintenance

We look forward to hearing from the citizens of Presidio County. Public Comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. The Presidio County Clerk will be responsible for keeping time and announce a one-minute remainder of time.

ROUTINE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discuss and take action to approve Budget Amendments and/or Line-Item Transfers.

*Commissioner Hisler makes motion to approve Line-Item Amendments as presented. Commissioner Hernandez seconds motion. Motion passes 3-0.
No Budget Amendments.*

2. Discuss and take action to approve the Treasurer's List of Claims and Bills.

Commissioner Hisler makes motion to approve the Treasurer's List of Claims and Bills as presented. Commissioner Hernandez seconds motion. Motion passes 3-0.

REGULAR AGENDA



Item brought by Cynthia Ramirez, Presidio County Appraisal District

3. Update from Presidio County Chief Appraiser Cynthia Ramirez on HB9 regarding \$125,000 exemptions for business personal property.

Cynthia Ramirez gave update: There will be an increase in the budget of \$2200.00 - \$2500.00 because of the office in Presidio. They also need board members especially from Presidio.

Item brought by David Quin, with Public Power Pool

4. Presentation from David Quin of Public Power Pool re. the savings achieved by Presidio County from participating in the P3 program and the group's recent procurement for a new electricity contract for 2026 through 2028 with Champion Energy Services.

David Quin Presented.

Item brought by Danny Dominguez, Presidio County Sheriff

5. Discussion with action to surplus a 2013 Ford F150 (VIN1FTFW1ET4DFB84489) purchased with Operation Stonegarden funds.

Commissioner Hisler makes motion to surplus a 2013 Ford F150 (VIN1FTFW1ET4DFB84489) purchased with Operation Stonegarden funds. Commissioner Hernandez seconds motion. Motion passes 3-0.

Item brought by Nancy Valdez Arevalo, Tax Assessor Collector

6. Discussion with action to request Annex Office space currently occupied by Bianca Bailon (Road and Bridge Department) for Tax Assessor Collector.

Commissioner Hisler makes motion to approve Annex Office space currently occupied by Bianca Bailon (Road and Bridge Department) for Tax Assessor Collector's office with date to be determined and new office for Road and Bridge is habitable. Commissioner Hernandez seconds motion. Motion passes 3-0.

7. Discussion with action to consider hiring a Presidio County Election Administrator who plans, organizes, coordinates and manages Federal, State, and County elections in all facets of the voter registration process in accordance with the Texas Election Code, and other applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations including administrative direction from the Texas Secretary of State.

Commissioner Hisler makes motion to table agenda item. Commissioner Hernandez seconds motion. Motion passes 3-0.

Item brought by Jose Portillo Jr., Presidio County Judge

8. Discussion with action to approve project manager for RLEM (Rural Leaders for Economic Mobility) in furtherance of local job creation for the Texas Pacifico Railroad.

Commissioner Hisler makes motion to approve Amanda Newton as project manager for RLEM (Rural Leaders for Economic Mobility). Commissioner Hernandez seconds motion. Motion passes 3-0.

Item brought by Alicia Sanchez, Presidio County Auditor



9. Discussion with action to award RFQ #26-01 Engineer for new CDBG 2026 CFC grant cycle subject to grant award and successful contract negotiation.

Commissioner Hisler makes motion to award RFQ #26-01 Engineer for new CDBG 2026 CFC grant cycle subject to grant award and successful contract negotiation to Centurion Planning and Design. Commissioner Hernandez seconds motion. Motion passes 3-0.

10. Discussion with action to award RFP #26-01 Administrative Services for new CDBG 2026 CFC grant cycle, subject to grant award and successful contract negotiation.

Commissioner Hisler makes motion to award RFP #26-01 Administrative Services for new CDBG 2026 CFC grant cycle, subject to grant award and successful contract negotiation to Grant Works. Commissioner Hernandez seconds motion. Motion passes 3-0.

11. Administrative Update and Announcements from County Judge and Commissioners.

Commissioner Hisler - CBP Border Wall, score board at Vizcaino Park is up and working

Commissioner Hernandez - will speak to Charlie Angell.

Commissioner Escontrias - Road & Bridge office needs to be finished ASAP, Work on roof in the Annex.

Gary Mitschke - Emergency Notification System will be tested on Thursday April 2, 2026 in both Presidio and Marfa.

12. Adjournment.

Commissioner Escontrias makes motion to adjourn at 12:29 pm. Commissioner Hisler seconds motion. Motion passes 3-0.



I certify that the above notice of the Special Meeting of the Commissioner's Court was posted on the front entrance of the Presidio County Courthouse on March 19, 2026, located at 300 North Highland Avenue, Marfa, Texas 79843.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jose Portillo Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Jose Portillo Jr.
Presidio County Judge

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2. As authorized by the Texas Government Code, the Presidio County Commissioners Court reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters, including but not limited to any of the matters listed above, including, but not limited to: Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney); 551.072 (Deliberation about Real Property); 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations); 551.074 (Personnel Matters); 551.0725 (Deliberations by Certain Commissioners Courts about Contracts Being Negotiated); 551.0745 (Personnel Matters Affecting a County Advisory Body); 551.076 (Deliberations Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits); and 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations).