

**BIG BEND RESOURCES – PRESIDIO COUNTY, CITY OF PRESIDIO, FORT LEATON, REDFORD, CANDELARIA, RUIDOSA, SHAFTER, CIBOLO CREEK RANCH & BIG BEND RANCH STATE PARK**

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## **PRESIDIO COUNTY (SOUTH & SOUTHWEST) GENERAL INFORMATION**

*The International border of Southeastern Presidio County is one of the great crossroads of North American history. That it took place in the southern and western part of what was to become Texas and the United States makes it even more special to the folks of the Big Bend. The Presidio area may well be the longest, continuously inhabited, place in North America. It was warm and fertile during the last ice age with plenty of water and a fairly benign climate. The present county comprises 3,856 square miles.*

From Wikipedia: "As of the 2010 census, its population was 7,818. Its county seat is [Marfa](#). Presidio County ...is named for the ancient border settlement of Presidio del Norte. It is east from the Mexican border... Paleo-Indians Hunter-gatherers existed thousands of years ago on the Trans-Pecos, and often did not adapt to culture clashes, European diseases and colonization. The Masames tribe was exterminated by the Tobosos, circa 1652. The Nonojes suffered from clashes with the Spanish and merged with the Tobosos. The Spanish made slave raids to the La Junta de los Ríos, committing cruelties against the native population..."

Presidio County was established from Bexar County on January 3, 1850. Fort Leaton became the county seat. The county was organized in 1875 as the largest county in the United States, with 12,000 square miles (31,000 km<sup>2</sup>). Fort Davis was named the county seat. The boundaries and seat of Presidio County were changed in the 1880s. Marfa was established in 1883, and the county seat was moved there from Fort Davis in 1885... The economy of the county in 1982 was based primarily on agriculture with 83 percent of the land in farms and ranches."

The City of Presidio is a sleepy Texas border town across from the Mexican border town of Ojinaga and the state of Chihuahua and includes Fort Leaton just to the south. The town (then known as La Junta del los Rios – the joining together, or junction, of the two rivers) was established at the confluence of the Río Conchos and the Rio Grande (also known as the Rio Bravo del Norte). It is the prime international border crossing of the Big Bend area. The largest portion of the Big Bend Ranch State Park, resides in the southern part of the county. The area is quiet with a large economic footprint of trade and shopping for both sides of the river. There is a mix of great locations in and nearby Presidio, so make it a "must" scout and Shoot 'Em Up in Southern Presidio County!

## **PRESIDIO CITY, CITY & GOVERNMENT OFFICES**

From Wikipedia: "Presidio is a city in Presidio County, Texas, United States. It stands on the Rio Grande (Río Bravo del Norte), on the opposite side of the U.S.-Mexico border from Ojinaga, Chihuahua. The population was 4,167 at the 2000 census, and had increased to 5,106 as of the 2010 US census.

Presidio is on the Farm to Market Road 170, and U.S. Route 67, 18 miles (29 km) south of Shafter Presidio County. Presidio is about 250 miles southeast of El Paso, 240 miles southwest of Odessa, and 145 miles northeast of Chihuahua, Mexico."

### City of Presidio

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City Secretary  
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Chief of Police  
Marco Baeza  
432-229-3527, Fax 432-229-2803

Presidio Municipal Court Judge  
Vivana Cantano  
432-229-3517  
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<https://www.trafficpayment.com/InvoiceInfo.aspx?csdlid=515>

Public Safety Department  
801 Erma Ave,  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
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Presidio Water Department  
507 West O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3605

Presidio Aquatic Center  
432-229-4040

Presidio Municipal Development District  
Brad Newton Executive Director  
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507 West O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3517

*Brad is THE go-to guy in all of Southern Presidio County. If you are looking for help with locations, permits, or an un-greased wheel, see Brad Newton.*

Email: [bnewton@presidioTexas.us](mailto:bnewton@presidioTexas.us)

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Homeland Security  
Presidio Port of Entry  
Port Director, John Deputy  
US Customs and Border Protection  
99400 US Highway 67  
PO Box 1959  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3349

Check out wait times updated hourly: <http://apps.cbp.gov/bwt/rss.asp?portList=240301&f=html>

Port Of Entry-Presidio  
Port Information  
Port Code: 2403  
432-229-3349, Fax: 432-229-4595

*“Operational Hours: Twenty Four (24) Hours A Day Seven Days A Week.*

*Description: A Port of Entry is any designated place at which a CBP officer is authorized to accept entries of merchandise to collect duties, and to enforce the various provisions of the customs and navigation laws.”*

Presidio DPS & Department of Motor Vehicles  
801 A N. Business Highway 67 North  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3768 (DMV)

US Post Office  
202 E O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3375

*You are able to submit your United States passport application at this location for processing (4-6 weeks). It is important to note that you need a passport or other similar document to cross into Mexico – a driver's license doesn't count.*

## **PRESIDIO ATTRACTIONS, FESTIVALS & ROADS**

*The following is a quote from an anonymous Presidio resident that I found on the web: “Never judge a town by the size of the sandstorm. Under that sand lies a treasure that many people hold close to their hearts, and will always be proud to be from Presidio.”*

## ~ATTRACTIONS~

### **Big Bend Ranch State Park**

(see Section devoted to BBRSP below)

### **Chinati Mountains State Natural Area**

From City of Presidio Mayor's Facebook Page dated October 9, 2014: "...Land deal reached to allow creation of a new state park here in West Texas - the Chinati Mountains State Natural Area - 39,000 acres of rugged land near the border - will be open to the public (for the first time).

"It will be an outback rugged primitive experience," says Corky Kuhlmann with Texas Parks and Wildlife, "probably as good a primitive experience you're going to have in Texas."

The above announcement of the creation of a new State Park around the Chinati Mountains is the result of the persistence of many folks that have been working on this for years. Up until this point the Chinati Mountains have been "land-locked" from public use because they were surrounded by private land. This will add a magnificent new park for the public to an already park rich Big Bend area – these are locations that no one has ever seen or photographed before!

### **Coyame, Mexico**

Coyame del Sotol, Chihuahua is a small Mexican town (population 710) located an hour's drive from Presidio. It is the closest Mexican town to the site of a reported mid-air collision between an airplane and a [UFO](#) on August 25, 1974. A strange object traveling at 2,000 miles per hour crashed into a small plane that was headed south to Mexico City, causing both aircraft to fall to the Chihuahuan desert below...This case is known as "Mexico's Roswell" and has been featured in several television documentaries and a book, [Mexico's Roswell](#) by Noe Torres and Ruben Uriarte. (Both were guests speakers at Presidio's 2014 UFO Festival).

### **Dark Skies**

"The Presidio area has some of the "darkest skies" in the world, actually! The areas just outside of town around Cibolo Creek Ranch and also at the Big Bend Ranch State Park measure a "Class 1" (absolute darkest skies) as measured on the Bortle Light Pollution Scale." The area around the City of Presidio is rated Class 1" (absolute darkest skies) as measured on the Bortle Light Pollution Scale.

[http://presidiotx.us/ufo/?page\\_id=993](http://presidiotx.us/ufo/?page_id=993)

### **Ghost Lights**

These strange nighttime orbs of light that appear all along the area of the Chinati Mountains are most commonly referred to as the "Marfa Lights." Although the official Marfa Lights Viewing area is located on Highway 90, just east of Marfa, the lights themselves actually appear along Highway 67 about halfway between Presidio and Marfa, amidst the Chinati Mountains.

### **Ojinaga (Manuel Ojinaga), Mexico**

From Wikipedia: OJ, as it is often called locally, "...is a town and seat of the municipality of Ojinaga, in the northern Mexican state of Chihuahua. As of 2010, the town had a total population of 22,744. It is a rural bordertown on the U.S.-Mexico border, with the city of Presidio, Texas, directly opposite...Ojinaga is situated where the Río Conchos drains into the Río Grande (known as the Rio Bravo in Mexico), an area called La Junta de los Rios. Presidio and Ojinaga are connected by the Presidio-Ojinaga International Bridge.

Ojinaga was founded around AD 1200 by the Pueblo Native Americans, who were later assimilated by Uto-Aztecan speakers. Ojinaga was first visited by Spanish explorers (led by Álvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca) in 1535.

Ojinaga still retains its rural culture and environment, with relatively little pollution and urban problems. Some of the most famous norteño musicians are from Ojinaga, such as Polo Urías, Adolfo Urías, Los Diamantes de Ojinaga, Los Rieleros del Norte, Conjunto Primavera, Los Jilgueros del Arroyo, and Los Norteños de Ojinaga. These artists, unlike many other norteño bands who use solely accordions as the lead instrument, use saxophones and accordions together to create a uniquely Ojinaga-styled norteño music.

...The creation of the "La Entrada al Pacífico" or "The Entrance to the Pacific", has made Ojinaga and Presidio, Texas, into a proposed inland trade corridor between the two countries. The route extends into Odessa-Midland, Texas, which is the major hub for west Texas. Odessa and Midland which have 100,000 people each will benefit greatly from this corridor. Several changes have also had to be made to the port of entry in Presidio, Texas, to accommodate the growing amount of traffic crossing the border. Truck lanes for heavy vehicles have also been added."

The cooperation between Ojinaga and Presidio grows every month led by far-sighted administrators and citizens on both sides of the border. The area is ripe with unique locations that haven't been used. Taxi service is available between the two cities (the distance between is only the width of the river). The authorities at the local Homeland Security office are friendly and willing to help expedite commerce.

### **Zone of Silence**

"Located just across the international border and a bit south of Ojinaga is one of the world's most mysterious areas, Mexico's 'Zone of Silence.' Scott Corrales, of Hispanic Ufology, says, 'Magnetic aberrations

*make radio communications impossible in certain parts of the area, which is formally known as the Vertice de Trino: the place where the borders of the Mexican states of Durango, Chihuahua and Coahuila join between the twenty-sixth and the twenty-eighth parallel.’’*

*There are many other locations of interest on both sides of the border. Come Discover!*

## **~FESTIVALS~**

### **Presidio Arts Festivals & Events**

*Arts of the Big Bend of Texas! The Presidio Arts Festival invites local artists, student artists, professional and amateur alike, dance groups, musicians, performers and cultural organizations to participate in the Annual Presidio Arts Festival. This event is an annual celebration that traditionally is held in March. The festival includes a Bi-National Artwalk to Sister City Ojinaga, a featured artist, Mariachi music, food and wine, a Cabrito Cookoff, dance teams, bands, theater groups, performers of all and lots more.*

<http://presidiotx.us/arts/>

### **Dude of the Dead Music Festival**

*This festival happens along with the Border Zone International UFO Festival annually held in October on, or around, Halloween. The venue for the 2014 festival was the Sports Complex.*

<http://dudeofthedead.net/>

### **Border Zone International UFO Festival**

*A companion festival with the Dude of the Dead Music Festival is the UFO Festival. The fun starts with the UFO Alien Parade and an Alien Costume Contest. It also featured lecture presentations at the Presidio Activities Center by the likes of Nick Pope, Ruben Uriate and David Bennett Carren, which aired live on Inception Radio Network. The festival moves to Fort Leaton at night with a first class Astronomy Star Party hosted by the very knowledgeable Superintendent of Big Bend Ranch State Park (just in time for the Orionids Meteor Shower), as well as a simultaneous Ghost Hunt in the very, very dark fort. There is even talk of visiting the Mexico UFO crash site of 1974.*

<http://presidiotx.us/ufo/>

### **Christmas Tree Lighting**

*Every year The City of Presidio and The Consulate of Mexico join for the lighting of the Bi-national Christmas tree. This event is held at the intersection of O'Reilly and Erma Streets starting with the now traditional Lighted Parade. In this festivity you can enjoy the delicious Tamales and traditional drinks like Champurrado and holiday sweets.*

### **4th of July**

*The annual celebration held at the Presidio Sports Complex invites the whole family to a day of color and excitement. It usually starts around noon with food, drinks, live music and at 10:00 pm our traditional fireworks display, sponsored by the City of Presidio and the Presidio Emergency Services.*

### **Lely International Airport Open House**

*Lely International Airport had their first Open House for the Public in November 2014 with free Airplane Rides. The intent is to make this an annual affair.*

### **Santa Theresa de Jesus Bazaar**

*Every year the local church committee hosts a two day celebration with traditional food arts and crafts and the now traditional dance hosted by various musicians. Every year the church has their raffle, and all the proceeds go directly to the church's insurance and needs. A colorful celebration in which all are welcome.*

## **~ROADS/HIGHWAYS~**

### **US Route 67**

*From Wikipedia: "U.S. Route 67 is a 1,560 mile (2,511 km) long north-south U.S. highway in the Central United States. The southern terminus of the route is at the United States-Mexico border in Presidio, Texas, where it continues south as Mexican Federal Highway 16 upon crossing the Rio Grande. The northern terminus is at U.S. Route 52 in Sabula, Iowa.*

*US 67 is part of the La Entrada al Pacifico international trade corridor from its southern terminus to an intersection with U.S. Route 385 in McCamey, where the corridor follows US 385 to Odessa...*

*Though it passes through the heart of the Ozarks the highest elevation along US 67 is the last 150 miles between Fort Stockton and Presidio. Below Fort Stockton US 67 passes near the Glass Mountains, 6,535 ft. and the Sierra Del Norte range at 6,810 ft. West of Alpine US 67 passes near the Twin Sisters, 6,116 and 6,134 ft, Ranger Peak, 6,256 ft, and Paisano Peak, 6,091 ft. before going through Paisano Pass, 5,180 ft. East of Marfa are views of Twin Mountains 6,681 and 6,910 ft, Goat Mountain, 6,642 ft, Cathedral Peak, 6,867 ft, and Cienega Mt. 6,565 ft. The Puertacitas Mountains, 6,350 and the Davis Mountains, 8,371 ft. can be seen from the Marfa*



*Ghost Lights observatory to the north. The Davis Mountains are the highest elevation near US 67. Thirty miles south of Marfa US 67 reaches its highest point, 5,428 ft. with Chinatti (sic) Peak, 7,732 ft. seen to the southwest."*

*US Route 67 has a number of scenic locations along its trip from Fort Stockton to Presidio. The northern most is as it winds through the 40 Mile Hill pass on the way down to Alpine. There are some very nice vistas just off the road after it joins with US 90 and before it gets to Alpine, especially looking north. As US 67/90 leaves Alpine to the west, the highway enters Presidio County and goes through the Paisano Pass and past the Paisano Baptist Encampment while traveling along the Union Pacific Railroad towards Marfa - all with some great opportunities for locations. On the flats to Marfa you will find the Marfa Lights Viewing Area and wide field views of the desert and mountains. After leaving Marfa you will encounter one of the most scenic drives in Texas. Mountains on both sides, twisty mountain passes, and a ghost town,*

### **Texas Farm Road 170 (the River Road)**

*Farm Road 170 is sacred to motorcycles and fast cars as well as magnificent scenery. It follows the Rio Grande through magnificent canyons like the Colorado (with a fabulous, if not somewhat scary, overlook). The Big Bend Ranch State Park, the famous Lajitas resort, and Fort Leaton lay along the route with wonderful campgrounds and river put-ins, as well as our famous Hoodoos, lines the route from Terlingua to Presidio. Easily one of the most scenic highways in America.*

### **Contrabando**

*From Wikipedia: "The Contrabando is a ghost town within the Big Bend Ranch State Park, 9.5 miles (15.3 km) west of Lajitas...The Contrabando consists of an original adobe building called 'La Casita' and several later additions that became part of the Contrabando during its use as a movie set. The movie set was constructed in 1985 for the Roy Clark film Uphill all the Way. The site has been used as a set for nine movies including John Sayles' 1996 movie Lone Star; as well as Dead Man's Walk and Streets of Laredo, which were part of the Lonesome Dove miniseries based upon the novel by Larry McMurtry."*

### **Pinto Canyon & Ranch to Market Road 2810**

*From Wikipedia: "Ranch to Market Road 2810 or RM 2810 is the paved, state-maintained portion of the Pinto Canyon Road between Ruidosa and Marfa in Presidio County.*

*The southern terminus of RM 2810 is at a point 32.0 miles (51.5 km) southwest of Marfa along the Pinto Canyon Road where pavement and state maintenance begins in Cleveland Flat near Wild Horse Draw. The 32.0-mile (51.5 km), two-lane road proceeds to the northwest along the northern fringe of the Cuesta del Burro range of the Chinati Mountains. The road then emerges onto Ryan Flat approaching Marfa. In town, the road turns north along S. Hoover St. to its terminus at US 90."*

*Pinto Canyon Road is the portion that is a rough dirt road with some great scenery. This is one of those places that only "locals" know about. It has incredible views of mountains and the road alone is worth a look. Located close to hotels at both ends for good crew access. A must see if you are in need of a great road.*

## **PRESIDIO CITY BUSINESSES & SERVICES**

*It is worth remembering that a few feet south lies the much larger city of Ojinaga, Mexico. If you can't find it in Presidio the chance of finding it in Ojinaga is very good, and easier than you think. Don't forget your passport (you can now use your GOES card at this crossing).*

### **~ACCOUNTING, BOOKKEEPING & TAX SERVICES~**

Arevalo Tax Secretarial  
PO Box 1345  
100 Louvain Blvd  
Presidio, Texas 79845-1345  
432-229-4385  
*Contact Nancy Arevalo - secretarial/court reporting*

Maritsa Garcia  
100 S Erma  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-2434  
*Tax filing specialist.*

Tax Office  
302 O'Reilly St  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3204

**~AUTO SALES, SERVICE & PARTS~**

Alex Automotive  
P.O. Box 1795  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-4014

AutoZone  
101 E O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3223  
<http://www.autozone.com/autozone/>

Barn Auto Parts  
(See Rio Grande Wrecker)  
PO Box 2018  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3312

Cabello Auto Sales  
PO Box 551  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3046

D'Y Convenience Store  
ExxonMobile  
104 O'Reilly St  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-4488

*The place to get a cup of Espresso from its Starbuck's like fancy, self-serve, Nescafe coffee/espresso machine (it looks like it was designed by Pininfarina) and tasty home made cookies.*

Toms Texaco Service  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3259

ExxonMobile  
Presidio Thriftway  
504 N. Erma Ave.  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3776  
*Right in front of the grocery store.*

Galindos Auto Sales  
US Highway 67 North  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-4580

Presidio Auto Parts - NAPA  
405 E O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3982  
<http://www.napaonline.com/tx/presidio>

Presidio Auto Parts  
E US Highway 67  
1022 O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3982

Rio Grande Wrecker Services  
406 Commerce St  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3312

Sam's Auto Body Repair  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-4557

**~BANKS & FINANCE~**

Amistad Loan Co.  
100 N. Erma Ave.  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-2417  
*Small Loans*

First Presidio Bank  
601 N. Erma Ave.  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3724

Ft. Davis State Bank  
206 E. O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-5000

Maverick Finance of Texas  
709 E. O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3686  
*Small Loans, Tax Preparation*

**~BEAUTY SALONS, HAIR~**

Alma's Beauty Salon  
901 E. O'Reilly  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-4566 or 432-294-1796  
*Men and Women's Hairstyling and Cuts,*

Classic Hair Styling  
PO Box 1114  
Presidio, Texas 79845-1114  
432-229-3862

Lorenas Beauty Salon & Boutique  
P.O. Box 2343  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-4202

T J's Beauty Salon  
Highway Fm 170  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-4300

**~COMPUTERS & ELECTRONICS~**

ALCO Discount Department Store  
1000 US Highway 67  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3166  
*An Electronics section that sells laptops, monitors and big screen TV's*

Radio Shack  
918 Erma Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3620  
*Electronics, Cellular Phone Service & Sales*

**~CONSTRUCTION, HARDWARE, LUMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES, SITE PREPARATION~**

Harper Hardware  
701 W. O'Reilly Street



Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3256  
*Hardware, Paint, Plumbing*

Presidio Lumber  
502 W. O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3320  
*Hardware and Lumber*

RR Supply/True Value Hardware  
205 W. O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-2545  
*Hardware, Plumbing*

R & R Construction  
210 Ashland St  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3072

Santa Fe Cabinets  
405 E. O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-2995  
*Custom Made Wood Cabinets*

Sotelo Iron Works  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-4040 or 432-940-2116  
*Custom Welding, Grills, Benches*

Velasco Dump & Backhoe Services  
1209 Utopia Rd.  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3769  
*Earth Moving Equipment, Site Preparation*

WTG Fuels  
1508 E. Huckabee Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3614  
*Propane Tanks Filled*

**~DEPARTMENT STORES, CLOTHING, RETAIL SHOPS, FURNITURE, & SPECIALTY SHOPS~**

A & C Furniture  
403 E. O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-2882  
*Furniture and Mattresses*

ALCO Discount Department Store  
1000 US Highway 67  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3166  
*Department Store - as you enter town from the north across from the Border Patrol compound.*

American Store  
250 Gonzales Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
*Retail Store*

Dollar General Store  
1304 W. O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845

432-229-4284

*A little bit of everything, sort of the old five 'an dime.*

Family Dollar Store  
404 W. O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3849

*A little bit of everything, sort of the old five 'an dime.*

Karina's Discount Store  
103 E. Commerce Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-4767  
*Discount Store*

L & S Warehouse  
410 N. Belmont  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-4494  
*New & Used Items*

Las Flores De Van Gogh  
805 O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-2414  
*Flowers & Floral Arrangements*

Indi's Boutique  
701 E. O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3798  
*Women's Clothing*

M. Nieto Department Store  
903 W. O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3220  
*Department Store and Ranch Supply (Hardware)*

M & M Ramirez Store  
705 O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3526  
*Discount Clothing*

Melrose  
502 W. O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-2955  
*Discount Clothing*

Montana Western Wear  
1120 O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3224  
*Western Apparel*

Payless Shoe Source  
506 O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-2991  
*Footwear*

Presidio Video Store

O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-4029

UETA Duty-Free (Duty Free Americas, Inc.)  
1305 W. O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3766

*Duty-Free fragrances, cosmetics, jewelry, liquors, tobacco.*

**~FITNESS, GYMS~**

Editbody Fitness  
902 E. O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
*Indoor Gym, Exercise Equipment*

**~GROCERY~**

Presidio Thriftway  
504 N. Erma Ave.  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3776  
*Groceries, Bakery, Chicken, Pizza*

**~HOSPITAL, MEDICAL & HEALTH CLINICS~**

**[Big Bend Regional Medical Center](#)**

2600 North Highway 118  
Alpine, Texas 79830  
432-837-3447 – Dial 911 for Emergencies  
*North of Alpine on Texas Highway 118 off of US 90 takes you to a Level-4 Trauma and Designated Emergency Department – the BBRMC serves as the Big Bend areas only hospital.*  
<http://www.bigbendhealthcare.com/Big-Bend-Regional-Medical-Center/Home.aspx>

Permian Basin Community Centers MHMR  
Mental Health and IDD Services  
601 West O'Reilly  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-4219, Crisis Hotline 1-800-542-4005  
<http://www.pbmhmr.com/>

Presidio Medical Clinic  
501 E. O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-4246  
*Local health clinic.*

Reliance Medical Inc.  
101 Erma Avenue  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3828  
*"A full service supplier of home care and rehabilitative equipment and supplies. We offer a complete range of Respiratory and Home Medical Equipment for the care of patients in their home."*

**~HOTELS, MOTELS, RV PARKS, CAMPSITES~**

Elliott Manufactured Homes Inc  
*See Industrial Manufacturing below.*

Loma Paloma Inc  
PO Box 818  
Presidio, Texas 79845-0818  
432-229-2992  
*Contact Bill Bishop - trailer park/campsites*

Riata Inn Motel  
99205 Highway 67 N  
Presidio, Texas 79845

432-229-2528

*Rooms are spacious but almost no services are available including coffee.*

Three Palms Inn & Oasis Restaurant

1200 N. Erma Avenue

Presidio, Texas 79845

432-229-3211

*Pleasant accommodations, good restaurant, friendly border-town service and conveniently located.*

**~INDUSTRIAL, MANUFACTURING~**

Elliott Manufactured Homes Inc

US Highway 67 and Texas FM 170

Presidio, Texas 79845

432-229-2834

*Excellent source of large "trailer" like homes and office space. Business is booming with the upturn in the oil patch.*

**~INSURANCE~**

Farmers Insurance

507 US Highway 67

Presidio, Texas 79845

432-229-2874

*Home & Auto Insurance*

La Junta Insurance

1403 O'Reilly Street

Presidio, Texas 79845

432-229-4621

*Insurance, Real Estate, Mexico Insurance*

**~LEGAL & LEGAL SERVICES~**

Antonio Rodriguez

Attorney at Law

PO Box 1576

Presidio, Texas 79845-1576

432-229-4555

Arevalo Tax Secretarial

PO Box 1345

Presidio, Texas 79845-1345

432-229-4385

*Contact Nancy Arevalo - secretarial/court reporting*

Rosalba Vazquez

700 W. O'Reilly Street

Presidio, Texas 79845

Notary Public

432-229-2573

**~LAUNDRY~**

Downtown Laundry

501 E. O'Reilly Street

Presidio, Texas 79845

*Coin-Op Laundromat*

Rainbow Self-Service Laundry

912 O'Reilly Street

Presidio, Texas 79845

432-229-3036

*Coin-Op Laundromat*

**~RESTAURANTS & CONVENIENCE STORES~**

Big A Mart

Presidio, Texas 79845

200 E. FM 170

432-229-4113

*Convenience Store, Snacks & Beer*

Canela's Restaurant  
608 W. O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-4111  
*Evening Fine Dining American & Italian Cuisine*

Don Jose Panaderia  
109 Erma Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3424  
*Bakery, Menudo, Barbacoa*

D'Y Convenience Store  
104 E. O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432--229-4488  
*Coffee, Snacks, Burritos & More, Gasoline*

El Patio Restaurant  
513 O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-4409  
*Mexican & American Cuisine*

The Enlightened Bean  
201 W. O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3131  
*Breakfast & Lunch Only, Sandwiches, Espresso.*

El Changarrito  
402 Texas Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
Mexican Food and Burgers To Go  
432-294-2357

La Cabana  
700 E. O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
Mexican & American Cuisine  
432-229-3368

La Escondida Restaurant & Bar  
1215 Utopia Rd  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-2701  
*Beer & Wine, American & Mexican Cuisine*

La Pasadita Drive Thru  
501 N. Belmont  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-4146  
*Mexican & American Cuisine, Drive-Thru*

Oasis Restaurant (Three Palms Motel)  
1200 N. Erma Ave.  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3998  
*Mexican & American Cuisine and a pretty good breakfast.*

Poncho's Pizza N Video  
307 E. O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845

432-229-2660

Subway Sandwiches  
1309 Highway 67  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-2505  
*Sandwiches, Salads, Pizza, Soups*

**~TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INTERNET & CELL PHONES~**

Big Bend Telephone  
106 Fernando Daly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-364-1000

Home Office  
808 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Alpine, Texas 79830  
800) 592-4781

*Local internet suppliers of DSL and Wireless Internet, also the Rural Telephone supplier serving Presidio.*

<http://www.bigbend.net/>

Big Canyon TV  
610 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Alpine, Texas 79830  
432-837-7484

*Dish TV Satellite Service, Dish-Net Internet, DTS Satellite Phones, Large Screen Televisions.*

<http://bigcanyontv.com/>

Presidio Cable - Mountain Zone TV  
511 O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3805

*Cable Television Provider*

Home Office  
307 East Ave. E  
Alpine, Texas 79830  
432-837-2300

*Wireless Internet and Cable TV – service is scheduled to be upgraded in late 2014 or early 2015*

<http://www.mountainzonetv.net/nav/main.htm>

Radio Shack  
918 Erma Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3620

*Electronics, Cellular Phone Service & Sales*

Xtreme Wireless  
700 W. O'Reilly Street  
Presidio, Texas 79845  
432-229-3940

*AT&T and Verizon Wireless Sales & Service*

**~TOUR GUIDES, EXPEDITIONS & RIVER TOURS~**

Angell Expeditions  
Charlie Angell  
432-229-3713 or 305-336-2787

E-mail: [charles@angellexpeditions.com](mailto:charles@angellexpeditions.com).

*“Mountain bike, hike, camp, river raft the Rio Grande and take Jeep™ tours down forgotten trails in the Chihuahan desert around the Chinati Mountains, Big Bend National Park and Big Bend Ranch State Park.”*

*Makes for a good location scout in the difficult to find and get-to areas and Angell expeditions is certified for advanced wilderness first aid – a very handy person on a shoot.*

<http://angellexpeditions.com/>

*There are other tour guides available in the Terlingua/Study Butte area, but it is safe to say Mr. Angell is more familiar with the Sothern Presidio area than most and has some great connections.*



## **PRESIDIO CITY TRANSPORTATION, AIRPORT & TAXIS**

Please see the [Alpine Transportation](#) section for complete information on commercial flights.

### **~AIRPORT~**

Presidio Lely airport has recently undergone a refurbishment and is in very good shape.

KPRS (formerly T77)

### **Presidio Lely International Airport**

FAA INFORMATION EFFECTIVE 18 SEPTEMBER 2014

#### **Location**

FAA Identifier: PRS

Lat/Long: 29-38-03.1650N / 104-21-41.3800W  
29-38.052750N / 104-21.689667W  
29.6342125 / -104.3614944 (estimated)  
Elevation: 2938 ft. / 896 m (estimated)  
Variation: 07E (2015)  
From city: 5 miles N of PRESIDIO, TX  
Time zone: UTC -5 (UTC -6 during Standard Time)  
Zip code: 79845

#### **Airport Operations**

Airport use: Open to the public  
Activation date: 11/1976  
Sectional chart: EL PASO  
Control tower: no  
ARTCC: ALBUQUERQUE CENTER  
FSS: SAN ANGELO FLIGHT SERVICE STATION  
NOTAMs facility: PRS (NOTAM-D service available)  
Attendance: MON-FRI 0800-1600  
Pattern altitude: 3938 ft. MSL  
Wind indicator: lighted  
Segmented circle: yes  
Lights: MIRL RY 17/35 PRESET LOW INTST; TO INCR INTST ACTVT - CTAF.  
Beacon: white-green (lighted land airport)  
Operates: sunset to sunrise  
International operations: customs landing rights airport - ACFT LNDG FM MEXICO NOTIFY CUSTOMS & IMMIGRATION PRESIDIO TX ETA AT ARPT 30 MIN PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.

#### **Airport Communications**

CTAF/UNICOM: 122.8  
WX AWOS-3PT: 118.0 (432-229-4805)  
•APCH/DEP SERVICE PROVIDED BY ALBUQUERQUE ARTCC ON FREQS 135.875/292.15 (FORT STOCKTON RCAG).

#### **Airport Services**

Fuel available: 100LL JET-A  
Parking: tiedowns  
Airframe service: MINOR  
Powerplant service: MINOR

#### **Runway Information**

Runway 17/35  
Dimensions: 5200 x 75 ft. / 1585 x 23 m  
Surface: asphalt, in excellent condition  
Weight bearing capacity: Single wheel: 12.5  
Runway edge lights: medium intensity  
RUNWAY 17 - RUNWAY 35  
Latitude: 29-38.481167N 29-37.624333N  
Longitude: 104-21.716000W 104-21.663333W  
Elevation: 2938.4 ft. 2892.3 ft.  
Gradient: 0.9% 0.9% UP

Traffic pattern: left left  
Runway heading: 170 magnetic, 177 true 350 magnetic, 357 true  
Markings: nonprecision, in good condition nonprecision, in good condition  
Visual slope indicator: pulsating/steady burning VASI on left  
PVASI UNUSABLE BYD 7 DEGS LEFT & RIGHT OF FINAL COURSE. pulsating/steady burning VASI on left  
PVASI UNUSABLE BYD 7 DEGS LEFT & RIGHT OF FINAL COURSE.  
Touchdown point: yes, no lights yes, no lights  
Obstructions: none 8 ft. brush, 441 ft. from runway, 97 ft. right of centerline, 30:1 slope to clear

#### **Airport Ownership and Management from official FAA records**

Ownership: Publicly-owned  
Owner: PRESIDIO COUNTY  
P.O. BOX 606  
MARFA, TX 79843  
Phone 432-729-4452  
Manager: CHASE SNODGRASS  
PO BOX 2825, HANGAR 2  
PRESIDIO, TX 79845  
Phone 832-588-8888

#### **Airport Operational Statistics**

Aircraft based on the field: 3  
Single engine airplanes: 3

#### **~AUTO RENTAL~**

Alpine Auto Rental & Sales  
2501 East Highway 90  
Alpine, Texas 79830  
800-894-3463, 432-837-3463  
[www.alpineautorental.com](http://www.alpineautorental.com)

#### **~TAXIS~**

American Taxi  
432-238-1366 or 1367, Nights: 432-229-2641

Presidio Taxi  
432-229-2959

## **FORT LEATON**

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department: *“Fort Leaton serves as the western Visitor Center for Big Bend Ranch State Park. Permits for backpacking and camping (no hookups) at Big Bend Ranch State Park can be obtained at Fort Leaton or the Barton Warnock Visitor Center, on the eastern edge of the park near Lajitas. Visitors can also purchase river-use permits, licenses, and information about the Big Bend region...”*

*Fort Leaton State Historic Site, consisting of 23.4 acres, five of which are the site of a pioneer trading post, is located in Presidio County. The park was acquired Dec. 8, 1967, by deed from a private owner and was opened to the public in 1978.*

*In 1848, Ben Leaton built a fortified adobe trading post known as Fort Leaton. He dominated border trade with the Apache and Comanche Indians before he died in 1851. In 1936, the Texas Centennial Commission placed a marker at the site.”*

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/fort-leaton>

WIKIPEDIA: *“The Fort Leaton State Historic Site is located on Farm to Market Road 170, in Presidio County in the U.S. state of Texas. The original adobe structure was a private residence dating back to the early 19th century. It was purchased in 1848 by Benjamin Leaton, who adapted it as a fortress. Fort Leaton was the Presidio County original seat of government. Through murders, financial difficulties and abandonment, the structure changed hands numerous times. In 1967, it was deeded to the state of Texas and opened to the public in 1978 as a Texas State Historic Site. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places listings in Presidio County, Texas on June 18, 1973.”*

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort\\_Leaton\\_State\\_Historic\\_Site](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Leaton_State_Historic_Site)

*Fort Leaton is an important part of the history of this border area. It is also one of the most picturesque old dwellings/forts in all of Texas and would make a great location.*

## **REDFORD**

*Not that long ago Redford was an active community with a functioning school system, church, homes, and farms. Today the school is closed; very few people live there, while the farms are still being tended. It has some good locations being along the river with a well tended cemetery on a small hill with a good view of the land around.*

From the Texas State Historical Association: *"Redford is located along the Rio Grande and Farm Road 170 sixteen miles southeast of Presidio in southeast Presidio County. The community was founded about 1876, when it was known as El Polvo, Spanish for "the dust." Redford's first post office opened in 1911. In 1914 the town had four general stores, and in 1934 it had sixty residents and three businesses. Redford had a school, a church, a number of houses, and a population of 107 in 1970. In 1979 Lucia Rede Madrid, a descendant of the original settlers and a retired schoolteacher, opened up a school library in her family's store. The store closed around 1990 and now serves solely as a library and museum. The predominantly Mexican-American town is linked to the Mexican town of Mulato, just across the river."*

## **RUIDOSA & CANDELARIA**

*Ruidosa is classified as a Texas Ghost Town in Presidio County, West Texas. It lies along the Rio Grande on Texas Highway 170 and is also accessible via [RM 2810](#). There is an abandoned church ruin that is worth the scout. The village is 36 miles northwest of Presidio and is said to have a population of about 43 good souls.*

*Candelaria is also classified as a Texas Ghost Town in Presidio County, West Texas (that term Ghost Town is used liberally in the Big Bend neighborhood). It is located along the Rio Grande approximately 12 miles North of Ruidosa and 48 miles NW of Presidio at the end of Texas Highway FM 170 (actually the road continues as one of the roughest dirt roads in West Texas)...It has an estimated population of 55*

*While it is a bit of a trek to get to these villages, if you are looking for a "sort of abandoned" village scene, you couldn't do better than these two.*

## **SHAFTER**

From Wikipedia: *"Shafter is an unincorporated community in Presidio County, Texas. The Texas Attorney General's Office gives a population of 11 as of the 2000 Census. It was named in honor of General William Shafter, who at one point commanded the nearby (relatively speaking) Fort Davis. In the early 1900s six silver mines were in operation near Shafter. When the mines closed the town died. It was later the location for several scenes in the 1971 movie The Andromeda Strain. As of 2012, at least one silver mine, La Mina Grande, has been reopened by Aurcana Corporation.*

*Tucked in the Chinati Mountains on Cibolo Creek, eighteen miles north of Presidio, Shafter was once a bustling mining town with a population as high as four thousand. That was in 1940. It was in 1882 that John Spencer found silver near this location. He and General William B. Shafter, who had been stationed at Fort Davis, collaborated to establish the mining operation. Shafter was at the time a Colonel with the 9th Cavalry.*

*When an assay commissioned by Colonel Shafter confirmed profitable amounts of silver were in Spencer's ore samples, he brought in two of his military associates, Lt. John L. Bullis and Lt. Louis Wilhelmi, to join the venture. Each would contribute, first, by acquiring acreage around Spencer's discovery. In all, four sections of land, or 2400 acres, were acquired. It was agreed that they and Spencer would all share equally in profits from the venture. Then, in June 1882, lacking sufficient capital to develop the acreage on their own, the partners leased a portion of their holdings to a mining group from California which had both the money and expertise to proceed. In 1883, this group established the Presidio Mining Company, which in turn contracted with three of the partners to acquire their interests in a stock-for-land trade. Shafter, Wilhelmi, and Spencer received 5,000 shares and a bonus of \$1,600 in cash to complete the trade. Bullis, asserting that his purchase money to buy the acreage had been from his wife's account, refused to join the transaction. This would later be cause for dispute.*

*Nevertheless, development proceeded and a settlement began to grow around the mining operation. A post office opened in 1885 and took the name "Shafter" after the colonel. Milling equipment was purchased and put into operation, company housing was provided for the miners. Company stores provided their staples and a company doctor provided medical care..."*

*Shafter, once again, became a vibrant (well almost) community when the mines were reopened in 2012. The mines closed again in 2014 amidst many rumors leaving us with a ghost town and it picturesque amenities.*

## **CIBOLO CREEK RANCH**

Cibolo Creek Ranch

HCR 67

(33 miles south of Marfa. Main gate entrance is west off of US 67)

Marfa, Texas 79843 (there is that pesky address thing again)

432-229-3737, Toll-Free: 866-496-9460, Fax: 432-229-3653

<http://cibolocreekranch.com/>

*One of the most elegant and desired resorts in all of Texas, Cibolo Creek Ranch Resort has all the facilities and amenities to please anyone. A friendly and knowledgeable staff, its own airport, terrific grounds and rooms, hidden museum like areas, and great food make this a first class destination. Just ask Mick Jagger.*

*“Cibolo Creek Ranch was founded by Milton Faver in 1857... Faver made his way to Meoqui, Chihuahua, Mexico, married Senorita Francisca Ramirez, and began a freighting business... He soon established regular trade with Fort Davis, the US Army cavalry post founded in 1854 in the Davis Mountains...Recognizing the business opportunity that Fort Davis offered, Faver acquired land on Cibolo Creek.*

*Faver built the first of his three forts, El Fortin del Cibolo, in 1857, as a defensive measure against Apaches, Comanches, and bandits of all kinds. His ranching empire boasted as many as 20,000 longhorns and herds of sheep and goats by the 1880s, making him the preeminent pioneer of the region.*

*El Fortin del Cibolo (the Fort on Cibolo Creek) was Faver’s stronghold, where he operated a sizable agricultural enterprise fed by nearby springs. Faver later built El Fortin de la Ciénega (the Fort at the Marsh), where he headquartered his cattle operation, and El Fortin de la Morita (the Fort at the Little Mulberry Tree), which became the center of his sheep and goat operations. His vast enterprise not only supplied beef but also farm produce and his famous peach brandy to troops occupying Fort Davis, settlers in the region, and after silver was discovered, to the miners in Shafter, next door.*

*Located in the beautiful Chinati Mountains near Marfa, Texas, Cibolo offers the quintessential Texas experience. Explore 30,000 acres rich with wildlife and awe-inspiring surroundings. Wander back in time through our three historic 1850s adobe forts. Savor our locally-inspired gourmet meals. Jump in our Humvees for a spectacular mountain tour and see stunning views. Ride ATVs across the ranch, ride horseback down Cibolo Creek to the Native American rock art, or visit the ghost town ruins on the property. View an unbelievable display of stars in the sky. Enjoy a luxuriating massage in our spa. Or simply sit by the pool, relax, and do nothing. Our warm hospitality will make you will feel like an honored guest, and we guarantee a memorable, very enjoyable experience in the remote beauty of the Big Bend.”*

## **BIG BEND RANCH STATE PARK (BBRSP)**

From the Texas Parks and Wildlife Website: *“Welcome to the Other Side of Nowhere!*

*Big Bend Ranch State Park offers outdoor recreation for the truly adventurous. This remote park features rugged mountains, steep canyons, amazing views, unparalleled night skies, and solitude in a high desert setting. The park stretches along the Rio Grande in far west Texas, on the U.S.-Mexico border.*

*...The park has 238 miles of multiuse trails (for hiking, biking and horseback riding). Visitors can explore 70 miles of unmaintained dirt roads in high-clearance four-wheel-drive vehicles. The Rio Grande/Rio Bravo area offers great day-use access. Visitors can float, fish and hike, or drive the scenic Camino del Rio (FM 170). Each February, the park helps host the Chihuahuan Desert Bike Fest. Visit our Activities page to learn more.”*

*The over 300,000 acres of the park (half the size of Rhode Island) resides across the southern portions of Brewster and Presidio County (mostly in Presidio County). It is filled with some of the more dramatic geological formations of the Big Bend like the famed **Solitario**, a dome like structure in the northeastern section of the park that was formed 35 million years ago. It also has some of the most rugged roads anywhere in the Big Bend area that are fit only for a 4-wheel, high clearance vehicle that might just be perfect for an adventurous filmmaker. If a primitive, rugged setting is what your script calls for, this is the place. Come Shoot ‘Em Up in a great Texas State Park!*

### **~BBRSP GENERAL INFORMATION~**

Headquarters

Mailing Address

HCR 67, Box 33

Marfa, Texas 79843

432-358-4444

Physical Address

1900 Saucedo Ranch Road

Presidio, Texas 79845

*The difference between the Mailing and the Physical address may seem odd when you consider the park is in the southern end of both Brewster and Presidio County, but out here, with so much remote happening, we just consider it sort of normal. Often a formal headquarters is where they can get mail and have phone service (and maybe a grocery store). Those services are not always available in the case of some of the more remote settings like Back Gap WMA or the Big Bend Ranch State Park.*

<http://www.tpwd.state.Texas.us/state-parks/big-bend-ranch>

### **Lodging**

*Lodging is available at the Saucedo Ranch House and Saucedo Bunkhouse (meal service is available if arranged in advanced).*

<http://www.tpwd.state.Texas.us/state-parks/big-bend-ranch/fees-facilities/lodging>

### **Campsites**

*There are some very nice sites along the Rio Grande, which could be used for staging or as a base camp. There are no*

formal campsites is the backcountry of the park. It is left up to the individual to choose his or her campsite. For Equestrian Campsites and more information regarding camping, see the hyperlink below.

<http://www.tpwd.state.Texas.us/state-parks/big-bend-ranch/fees-facilities/campsites>

The following are some of the activities that can be arranged thru the park:

- Ranger Tours
- Hiking and Mountain Biking
- Horseback Riding
- 4X4 Touring
- River Access
- Nature Viewing
- Stargazing

#### **Barton Warnock Visitor Center**

FM 170 just east of Lajitas  
HC 70, P.O. Box 375  
Terlingua, Texas 79852  
432-424-3327

*“Barton Warnock Visitor Center serves as the eastern visitor center for Big Bend Ranch State Park and is located near Lajitas. Permits for backpacking and camping (no hookups) at Big Bend Ranch State Park can be obtained at Barton Warnock or at Fort Leaton State Historic Site, the western visitor center for the park. Visitors can also purchase river-use permits, licenses, and information about the Big Bend region.”*

*Just on the eastern edge of Lajitas Golf Resort and Spa in southern Brewster County, the Warnock Center is well worth a “pre-scout” visit to give you an in-depth overview of the area.*

<http://www.tpwd.state.Texas.us/state-parks/barton-warnock>

#### **Contrabando Movie Set & Ghost Town**

*“A ghost town within the Big Bend Ranch State Park, 9.5 miles west of Lajitas, Texas on the Texas State Highway 170. The Contrabando consists of an original adobe building called 'La Casita' and several later additions that became part of the Contrabando during its use as a movie set. The movie set was constructed in 1985 for the Roy Clark film Uphill All the Way. The site has been used as a set for nine movies including John Sayles' 1996 movie *Lone Star*; as well as *Dead Man's Walk* and *Streets of Laredo*, which were part of the *Lonesome Dove* miniseries.”*

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Contrabando>

### **PRESIDIO COUNTY (SEAT) GENERAL INFORMATION**

Presidio County Judge - Paul Hunt

Presidio County Courthouse

301 N. Highland Avenue

Marfa, Texas 79843

432-729-4452

<http://www.co.presidio.Texas.us/>

County Sheriff – Sheriff Danny Dominguez

320 N. Highland Avenue

Marfa, Texas 79843

432-729-4911, Dial 911 for emergencies

County Attorney

John Fowlkes

432-729-4054, Fax: 432-729-3743

Presidio County and District Clerk

Virginia Pallarez

432-729-4812, Fax 432-729-4313

County Treasurer

Mary Lane Williams

432-729-4076, Fax 432-729-4071

County Tax Assessor-Collector

Norma Arroyo

432-729-4081, Fax 432-729-4920

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1

Judge Cinderela Rice Guevara

432-729-4831, Fax 432-729-3368

Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace

Judge Juanita Bishop

300 E. O'Reilly

Presidio, Texas 79843

432-229-3705, Fax 432-229-3956

83rd District Attorney

Rod Ponton

400 S Nelson St,

Fort Stockton, TX 79735

(432) 336-3322

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PO Box 9710

Alpine, Texas 79831

432-837-0971

Texas Judicial District 394  
Roy B. Ferguson – District Judge  
PO Box 1410  
Alpine, Texas, 79831  
432-837-5831, Fax 432-837-1241