

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on September 21, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Courtroom, at the Brown County Courthouse, 200 South Broadway St., Brownwood, Texas.

1. Declare a Quorum and Call Meeting to Order

Judge Pro-Tem Kelton declared a Quorum and called the meeting to order.

Members of the Court present were:

DR. PAUL LILLY	absent	COUNTY JUDGE
GARY WORLEY		COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1
JOEL KELTON		COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2
WAYNE SHAW		COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3
LARRY TRAWEEK		COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

Also present:

SHARON FERGUSON	COUNTY CLERK
JENNIFER ROBISON	COUNTY AUDITOR
SHANE BRITTON	COUNTY ATTORNEY
T'ANNA MCCLURE	COMMISSIONERS EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

2. Prayer

Sr. Chaplain Dave Fair led the Court in the invocation.

3. Citizens Comments

(All speakers will be required to adhere to the rules of procedure, conduct and decorum adopted by the Court on August 12, 2019. Any disruptive, abusive, obscene, or disrespectful behavior will be terminated immediately.)

There were no citizen comments.

4. Consideration and approval of minutes from the September 14th, 2020 meeting.

Commissioner Worley moved that the minutes of the September 14, 2020 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

5. Consideration and approval of any Treasurer's/Auditor's Report.

The September 21, 2020 Combined Statement Of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. [\(Exhibit #1\)](#)

6. Consideration and approval of payment of any bills needed.

Commissioner Shaw moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Jennifer Robison, be paid. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #2\)](#)

7. Consideration and approval of all appropriate action regarding the following:

A. Mr. Joel Kelton, Commissioner Pct. 2-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding burn ban.

After discussion, no action was taken. The burn ban remains lifted.

B. Lisa Dick, Administrator, Brownwood-Brown County Health Department-Update on COVID19 response and County health initiatives (Spon p2).

No action.

C. Ann Krpoun, Treasurer and Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding Opting out of Presidential Order regarding payroll taxes (Spon CJ).

After discussion, with Brown County Treasurer Ann Krpoun and Brown County Auditor Jennifer Robison, Commissioner Shaw moved that Brown County opt out of the Presidential Memorandum, dated 08-08-2020, allowing employers to defer the withholding of employee payroll taxes, specifically Social Security and Medicare taxes. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

**D. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Hearing on proposed budget
(Spon CJ).**

Judge Pro-Tem Kelton opened the public hearing on the 2020-2021 Proposed Brown County Budget and asked for comments or questions. There were none. Judge Pro-Tem Kelton closed the Public hearing on the 2020-2021 Proposed Brown County Budget.

E. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding an adoption of proposed budget (Spon CJ).

Commissioner Worley moved that the Court adopt the Brown County Budget for FY 2020-2021. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted to approve as follows:

Paul Lilly, County Judge-Absent

Gary Worley, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye

Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye

Wayne Shaw, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye

Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye

[\(Exhibit #3\)](#)

**F. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding the setting of salaries of Elected Officials
(Spon CJ).**

Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve the setting of salaries, for FY 2020-2021, for Brown County elected officials. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted to approve as follows:

Paul Lilly, County Judge-Absent

Gary Worley, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye

Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye

Wayne Shaw, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye

Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye

Commissioner Worley reported that all Brown County employees received a salary increase. ([Exhibit #4](#))

G. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible adoption of proposed tax rate (Spon CJ).

Commissioner Worley moved that the Court adopt, by Resolution, the tax rates for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 as proposed:

General Fund Rate	0.4677
Debt Service Rate	0.0193
Road and Flood Rate	0.0906
Total Tax Rate	0.5776

Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted as follows:

Paul Lilly, County Judge-Absent

Gary Worley, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye

Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye

Wayne Shaw, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye

Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye

This tax rate will effectively raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's rate by 1.32%. This year's levy to fund

maintenance and operations expenditures exceeds last year's maintenance and operations tax levy. ([Exhibit #5](#))

H. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible adoption of Maintenance & Operations rate (Spon CJ).

Commissioner Worley moved that the Court adopt the Maintenance and Operations rate of 0.4677 per \$100.00 valuation. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted to approve as follows:

Paul Lilly, County Judge-Absent

Gary Worley, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye

Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye

Wayne Shaw, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye

Larry Traweck, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye

I. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible adoption of Debt Service Tax Rate (Spon CJ).

Commissioner Worley moved that the Court adopt the Debt Service Tax Rate at 0.0193 per \$100.00 valuation. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted to approve as follows:

Paul Lilly, County Judge-Absent

Gary Worley, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye

Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye

Wayne Shaw, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye

Larry Traweck, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye

J. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible adoption of Road and Flood Tax Rate (Spon CJ).

Commissioner Worley moved that the Court adopt the Road and Flood Tax Rate at 0.0906 per \$100.00 valuation. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted to approve as follows:

Paul Lilly, County Judge-Absent

Gary Worley, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye

Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye

Wayne Shaw, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye

Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye

K. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and Ratification of FYE 9/30/21 tax rate (Spon CJ).

Commissioner Worley moved that the Court ratify the proposed tax rate of 0.5776. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted to approve as follows:

Paul Lilly, County Judge-Absent

Gary Worley, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye

Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye

Wayne Shaw, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye

Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye

L. Judge Lilly, County Judge-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding the county personnel changes (Spon CJ).

Commissioner Kelton moved that the following COVID19 cleaning personnel be approved to be paid from COVID 19 grant funds:

Gabrielle Sliger/employed/effective 09-08-2020

Cindy Graham/discontinued/effective 08-21-2020

[\(Exhibit #6\)](#)

Cheri Moseley/employed/effective 09-14-2020

Halie Thacker-Smith/discontinued/effective 09-11-2020

[\(Exhibit #7\)](#)

Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

M. Judge Lilly, County Judge-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding the agreement between Brown County and Allison Bass & Magee, L.L.P. in reference of redistricting of Brown County (Spon CJ).

After discussion, no action was taken.

N. Darrell Johnston, Emergency Management Coordinator- Consideration and possible approval of action regarding a request for reimbursement of money for firefighting foam used on an oilfield tank battery fire on September 2, 2020 on FM 2492 for the following amounts – Lake Brownwood Bridge Volunteer Fire Department - \$361.22 and Brownwood Fire Department - \$1,310.00.

After discussion, no action was taken.

**O. Darrell Johnston, Emergency Management Coordinator-
Consideration and possible approval of action regarding
ratification of the Brown County InterLocal Agreement for
Dispatch Services (Spon CJ).**

After discussion, no action was taken.

8. Adjournment

**Judge Pro-Tem Kelton adjourned the Brown County Commissioners
Court at 10:07 A.M.**

**Agenda items may be considered, deliberated, and/or acted upon in a
different order than set forth above. The Brown County
Commissioners Court reserves the right to discuss any above items in
executive (closed) session whenever permitted by the Texas Open
Meeting Act.**

Submitted on the _____ day of _____, 2020.

COUNTY JUDGE

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4



I, Sharon Ferguson, Brown County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for **September 21, 2020.**

**SHARON FERGUSON, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Member
Clerk of Commissioner's Court, Brown County, Texas**