

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on February 8, 2021 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 Lilly declared a Quorum and called the meeting to order.

Members of the Court present were:

DR. PAUL LILLY	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

Terry McDonald 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 four citizen comments concerning the tax abatement. The comments were from:

**Samuel Davis, Texas Land and Liberty Coalition
support of tax abatement ([Exhibit #1](#))**

Terry Edgar – support of tax abatement ([Exhibit #2](#))

Steven Wilson – opposition to tax abatement ([Exhibit #3](#))

John E. Davis – support of tax abatement ([Exhibit #4](#))

4. Consideration and approval of minutes from February 1, 2021

Commissioner Kelton moved that the minutes of the February 1, 2021 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson.

Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

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

The February 8, 2021 Combined Statement Of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. ([Exhibit #5](#))

The Brown County Quarterly Investment Report for the 4th Quarter of 2020, was approved after a motion by Commissioner Worley and a second by Commissioner Shaw. The Court voted 5-0 to approve.

([Exhibit #6](#))

The Total Of Funds Under The Care & Custody Of Brown County Treasurer And Auditor's Report for January 2021 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Worley and a second by Commissioner Kelton. The Court voted 5-0 to approve. An Affidavit, with the Report attached, was signed and prepared for publication, according to Section 114.026 of the Texas Local Government Code. [\(Exhibit #7\)](#)

Ann Krpoun, Brown County Treasurer, informed the Court that the current depository contract will expire May 31, 2021.

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

Commissioner Kelton moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Jennifer Robison, be paid. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #8\)](#)

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

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

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

B. Lisa Dick, Administrator-Brownwood-Brown County Health Department-Update on COVID19 response and County health initiatives (Spon Pct. 2).

After an update, from Lisa Dick, Administrator of the Brownwood-Brown County Health Department, concerning the COVID 19 outbreak, no action was taken.

C. Joel Kelton, Commissioner Pct. 2-Discussion and possible action of speed limits on County Roads.

No action.

D. Courtney Parrot, Healthy County Coordinator-Presenting employer rewards from My Healthy County Program (Spon CJ).

Courtney Parrott, County Extension Agent-Family & Community Health, presented highlights from the 2020 Healthy County Wellness Program, which is a free program through county employee's BlueCross BlueShield insurance that offers many different avenues to get and stay healthy. [\(Exhibit #9\)](#)

E. Jeff Webb, Task Force Coordinator for Texas A&M Forest Service-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding burn permit to burn on Camp Bowie (Spon CJ).

Jeff Webb, Task Force Coordinator for the Texas A&M Forest Service, informed the Court that they will be doing a prescribed burn, at Camp Bowie, on February 22 through February 26, 2021. [\(Exhibit #10\)](#)

F. Bob Contreras, Grants and Government Affairs Coordinator-Discussion and update on COVID19 grants (Spon CJ).

Bob Contreras, Brown County Grants and Government Affairs Coordinator, updated the Court on COVID 19 grants.

G. Gary Worley, Commissioner Pct. 1-Public Hearing regarding the adoption of Guidelines and Criteria for the purpose of Tax Abatement as required by Chapter 312 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

Judge Lilly opened the Public Hearing regarding the adoption of Guidelines and Criteria for the purpose of Tax Abatement and asked for questions or comments. Those who publicly addressed the Court were:

Ronnie Taylor – opposition to tax abatement ([Exhibit #11](#))

**Dale Cummings, Interstate Power - support of tax abatement
([Exhibit #12](#))**

**Steve Mickleson-Superintendent of Brookesmith ISD
support of tax abatement ([Exhibit #13](#))**

John E. Davis – support of tax abatement ([Exhibit #14](#))

**Christian Fiene, Interstate Power – support of tax abatement
([Exhibit #15](#))**

Jeff Tucker – opposition to tax abatement ([Exhibit #16](#))

Rex Tackett – opposition to tax abatement ([Exhibit #17](#))

Kenneth Adams – support of tax abatement ([Exhibit #18](#))

John Connaway – support of tax abatement ([Exhibit #19](#))

Larry Hart ([Exhibit #20](#))

Judge Lilly closed the Public Hearing regarding the adoption of Guidelines and Criteria for the purpose of Tax Abatement.

H. Gary Worley, Commissioner Pct. 1-Consideration and possible action, after due notice and publication as required by law, the renewal, amendment and adoption of Criteria and Guidelines for the purposes of Tax Abatement in Brown County, Texas, as required by Chapter 312 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

After discussion, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court adopt the Criteria and Guidelines for the purposes of Tax Abatements in Brown County, Texas. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-1 to approve. Judge Lilly voted nay. ([Exhibit #21](#))

8. Commissioners Comments. (No action can be taken on anything during this information-only discussion).

Judge Lilly informed the Court of the courthouse repairs that have been done and the repairs that need to be done.

9. Adjournment

Judge Lilly adjourned the Brown County Commissioners Court at 11:06 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 _____, 2021.

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 **February 8, 2021.**

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