

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on May 24, 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 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

Bob Contreras led the Court in the invocation.

3. Recognition of Special Guests and Presentations.

None.

4. 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.

5. Consideration and approval of minutes from the May 17, 2021.

Commissioner Traweek moved that the minutes of the May 17, 2021 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

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

The May 24, 2021 Combined Statement Of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. [\(Exhibit #1\)](#)

7. 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 Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #2\)](#)

8. 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 lifted.

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

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

C. Judge Mike Smith, District Judge-Consideration and possible approval of Auxiliary Facilities for Courtrooms due to COVID.

After discussion. with District Judge Mike Smith, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve a Third Supplemental Resolution stating that any appropriate building, on the Coggin Church campus, located in Brownwood, Texas, be added to the list of Auxiliary Facilities for jury selection. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)

D. Judge Mike Smith, District Judge-Consideration and possible approval of personnel changes.

Commissioner Worley moved that the Court authorize the following personnel changes and salaries in the District Judge's Office:

**Jennifer McKibben/Assistant Court Coordinator/employed
effective 06-01-2021**

**Danielle Jordan/Assistant Court Coordinator/discontinued
effective 05-28-2021 [\(Exhibit #4\)](#)**

Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-1 to approve. Commissioner Kelton opposed.

E. Judy Brownlee, Brown County Child Welfare Board- Consideration and possible approval to appoint a new member, Lisa Caldwell, to the Brown County Child Welfare Board (Spon CJ).

Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve the appointment of Lisa Caldwell, as a new member, to the Brown County Child Welfare Board. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

F. Rick Phelps, Brown County Sr. Chaplain-Consideration and possible approval to accept donations (Spon CJ).

No action.

G. Joel Kelton, Commissioner Pct. 2-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding joining the Association of Rural Communities in Texas (ARCIT).

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court join the Association of Rural Communities in Texas (ARCIT), for a membership fee of \$395.00 per year. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

H. Joel Kelton, Commissioner Pct. 2-Consdieration and possible approval of action regarding declaring items surplus.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court declare tires, tractor with shredder, water truck, gallon sprayer, and spray rig, from Precinct #2, as surplus. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #5\)](#)

I. Joel Kelton, Commissioner Pct. 2-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding selling surplus items on GovDeals.com

Commissioner Kelton moved that he be authorized to list, for sale, items approved as surplus, from Precinct #2, on Govdeals.com online auction. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

J. Joel Kelton, Commissioner Pct. 2-Discussion and consideration and possible approval of action regarding proper use of the expenditures from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

After discussion, with Grants Coordinator Bob Contreras, no action was taken.

K. Gary Worley, Commissioner Pct. 1-Consideration and possible action on Action to Install Private Line(s) on CR 186, CR 187 and CR 188 by IP Radian, LLC.

Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve an application, made by IP Radian, LLC, to install a buried electric line within the right-of-way of County Road #186, County Road #187, and County Road #188, in Precinct #1; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #6\)](#)

- L. Vance Hill, Brown County Sheriff-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding authorization to enter into contract with Dr. Burns for access to DPS radio tower (Spon CJ).**

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve a Communications Equipment Agreement, with landowners Paul and Toni Burns, for access to a DPS tower located on their land. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #7](#))

- M. Vance Hill, Brown County Sheriff-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding authorization to purchase records management system for Jail and Law Enforcement (Spon CJ).**

After discussion, with Sheriff Vance Hill, Commissioner Traweek moved that the Sheriff's Department be authorized to purchase a records management system, from Southern Software, for the Jail and Law Enforcement. The Software will cost \$84,926.00 and will be paid from the Sheriff's Inmate Telephone System. The yearly Support Fee will cost \$11,050.00 and will be paid by the County. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #8](#))

- N. Vance Hill, Brown County Sheriff-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding authorization to seek bids for IT services for Sheriff's Office (Spon CJ).**

After discussion, with Sheriff Vance Hill, Commissioner Shaw moved that the Sheriff's Department be authorized to seek bids, for IT services, to be used as needed, for the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-1 to approve with Commissioner Traweek opposed.

O. Vance Hill, Brown County Sheriff-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding employee changes (Spon CJ).

Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve the following salaries at the Sheriff's Department:

Christopher Angel/Deputy/employed

effective 05-17-2021

Marvin Simpson/Deputy/discontinued

effective 10-01-2016 ([Exhibit #9](#))

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

The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by the Sheriff's Department, for filing. ([Exhibit #10](#))

P. Jennifer Robison, County Auditor-Discussion and possible approval to move contingency general funds to FEMA Fund.

After discussion, with County Auditor Jennifer Robison, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve moving Contingency General Funds to FEMA Funds. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Q. Jennifer Robison, County Auditor-Discussion and possible approval to move contingency general funds to Covid Fund.

After discussion, with County Auditor Jennifer Robison, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve moving Contingency General Funds to COVID Funds. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

R. Bart Johnson, Painter & Johnson Financial-Discussion concerning TAC 2021-2022 Health Renewal Notice and Employee Benefits Pool.

After discussion, with Bart Johnson, from Painter & Johnson Financial, no action was taken.

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

The Commissioners discussed a public hearing to be held concerning speed limits on county roads. No action was taken.

10. Adjournment

Judge Pro-Tem Kelton adjourned the Brown County Commissioners Court at 10:02 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 May 24, 2021.

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