

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on August 2, 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:**

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

**Also present:**

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

**2. Prayer**

**Rick Phelps led the Court in the invocation.**

**3. Recognition of Special Guests and Presentations.**

**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 the agenda minutes and budget workshop from the July 26, 2021 meeting.**

**Commissioner Kelton moved that the minutes of the July 26, 2021 meeting and the minutes from the July 26, 2021 Public Workshop be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson.**

**Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. Commissioner Worley abstained.**

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

**The August 2, 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 Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 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. Vance Hill, Sheriff-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding employee changes. (CJ)**

**Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the personnel salaries at the Sheriff's Department:**

**Frank Augustus Hernandez/Jailer/employed  
effective 07-30-2021**

**Noah Acord/Jailer/discontinued  
effective 07-22-2021 [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)**

**Charity Farrow/Jail Visitation PT/employed  
effective 07-27-2021**

**Rita Victoria Duaine/Jail Visitation PT/discontinued  
effective 06-30-2021 [\(Exhibit #4\)](#)**

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

**The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by the Sheriff's Department, for filing. [\(Exhibit #5\)](#)**

**C. Vance Hill, Sheriff-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding accepting donations made to the Brown County Sheriff's Department. (CJ)**

**After discussion, with Chief Deputy Sheriff Becky Caffey, Commissioner Worley moved that the Sheriff's Department be authorized to accept a \$80.00 donation, from Blevins Body Shop. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**D. Wayne Shaw, Commissioner Pct. -Consideration and possible approval of action regarding application to Install a Private line by Zephyr WSC on CR 270.**

**Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court approve an application, made by Zephyr Water Supply, to install a buried water line within the right-of-way of County Road #270, in Precinct #3, subject to Brown County specifications. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #6\)](#)**

**E. Josh Martin, Bangs ISD-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding funding broadband and COVID mitigation for Bangs ISD out of the American Rescue Plan Act up to the sum of \$250,000. (10 minutes)**

**After discussion, with Bangs ISD Assistant Superintendent Truman Westfall and Bangs ISD IT Director Chris Thompson, no action was taken. [\(Exhibit #7\)](#)**

**F. Steve Mickleson, Brookesmith ISD-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding funding broadband and COVID mitigation for Brookesmith ISD out of the American Rescue Plan Act up to the sum of \$250,000. (10 minutes)**

**After discussion, with Brookesmith ISD Superintendent Steve Mickleson and Brookesmith ISD Principal Danny Copeland, no action was taken.**

**G. Dewayne Wilkins, Early ISD-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding funding broadband and COVID mitigation for Early ISD out of the American Rescue Plan Action up to the sum of \$250,000. (10 minutes)**

**After discussion, with Early ISD Superintendent Dewayne Wilkins, no action was taken.**

**H. Steve Adams, Brookesmith Water District-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding funding Brookesmith Water District for water infrastructure and sewer out of the American Rescue Plan Act for the sum of up to \$317,499. (10 minutes)**

**After discussion, with Steve Adams, from Brookesmith Water District, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize to expend a sum of up to \$317,499.00, from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund, to be used for water infrastructure and sewer, for the Brookesmith Water District. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

- I. Joel Kelton, May Water District-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding funding May Water District for water infrastructure and sewer out of the American Rescue Plan Act for the sum up to \$350,284. (10 minutes)**

**After discussion, with Joel Kelton, from May Water District, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize to expend a sum of up to \$350,284.00, from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund, to be used for water infrastructure and sewer, for the May Water District. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

- J. Richard Gist, Zephyr Water District-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding funding Zephyr Water District for water infrastructure and sewer out of the American Rescue Plan Act for the sum up to \$255,011. (10 minutes)**

**After discussion, with Terry Edgar, from Zephyr Water District, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize to expend a sum of up to \$255,011.00, from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund, to be used for water infrastructure and sewer, for the Zephyr Water District. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**K. Michael Murray, District Attorney-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding approval of the use of the American Rescue Plan Act for technology for Brown County. (CJ)**

**(10 minutes)**

**District Attorney Micheal Murray, Assistant District Attorney Alisha Bird, District Judge Mike Smith, and IT Manager Matt Krischke, addressed the Court concerning a county wide infrastructure upgrade, using the American Rescue Plan Act Funds. After discussion, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court authorize the establishment of a Technology Committee consisting of a representative from each of the following County offices:**

**District Attorney (Alisha Bird-Committee Chairman)**

**District Judge**

**County Judge**

**CCL Judge**

**County Attorney**

**Auditor**

**Treasurer**

**District Clerk**

**County Clerk**

**Sheriff's Department**

**Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #8\)](#)**

- L. Sharon Ferguson County Clerk and Cheryl Jones District Clerk- Consideration and possible approval of action regarding approval of the use of the American Rescue Plan Act for digitizing old records for a sum up to \$769,601.50 for District Clerk and \$699,699.60 for the County Clerk. (10 minutes)**

**After discussion, with County Clerk Sharon Ferguson and District Clerk Cheryl Jones, no action was taken. ([Exhibit #9](#) and [Exhibit #10](#))**

- M. Paul Lilly, County Judge-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding approval of using the American Rescue Plan Act to fund the difference for the Budget requests for the Nonprofits: Good Samaritan \$2,400.00, Humane Society \$8,500.00, Public Library \$5,000.00, Home Solutions \$5,000.00, Museum \$5,000.00, The Ark \$15,000.00, Center for life \$5,200.00 for a total of \$41,350.00.**

**After discussion, Judge Lilly moved that the Court approve using the American Rescue Plan Act Funds to fund (one time only) the requested amount, over and above the budget requests, for the following Nonprofits:**

**Good Samaritan Ministries - \$2,400.00**

**Corinne T Smith Animal Center - \$8,500.00**

**Brownwood Public Library - \$5,000.00**

**Brown County Home Solutions - \$5,000.00**

**Brown County Museum of History- \$5,000.00**

**The Ark - \$15,000.00**

**Center For Life Resources – receiving a vehicle per item #N**

**for a total of \$40,900.00. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. Commissioner Worley abstained. ([Exhibit #11](#))**

**N. Paul Lilly, County Judge-Consideration and possible approval of the transfer of American Rescue Plan Act grant funds from Brown County to the Center For Life Resources for their use in providing services \$41,021.83.**

**After discussion, with Joey Smith, from the Center For Life Resources, Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court approve the transfer of American Rescue Plan Act Funds, from Brown County, to the Center For Life Resources, in the amount of \$41,021.83 plus up to \$2,000.00 equipment cost, for a total of \$43,021.83, to be used to purchase a transport vehicle. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

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

**Judge Lilly provided a COVID update. Stephanie Upfold, County Court Coordinator, updated the Court on the Courthouse painting and restoration projects.**

## **10. Adjournment**

**Judge Lilly adjourned the Brown County Commissioners Court at 11:00 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.

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**COUNTY JUDGE**

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**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1**

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**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2**

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**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3**

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**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 **August 2, 2021.**

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