

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on September 13, 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. The meeting is recorded and available for viewing on the Brown County, Texas website.

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

2. Prayer

Harold Hogan, Justice of the Peace Precinct #2, 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 September 7, 2021, meeting.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the minutes of the September 7, 2021, and the September 7, 2021, Public Workshop meetings be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson.

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

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

The September 13, 2021, Combined Statement Of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. [\(Exhibit #1\)](#)

The Total Of Funds Under The Care & Custody Of Brown County Treasurer And Auditor's Report For August 2021 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Worley and a second by Commissioner Shaw. 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. [\(Exhibit #2\)](#)

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

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 in effect.

B. Lisa Dick, Administrator-Brownwood/Brown County Health Department-Update on COVID 19 response and County health initiatives. (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. Micheal Murray, District Attorney-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding employee changes.

Judge Lilly moved that the Court approve the salary and employee change in the District Attorney's Office:

**Skyler Schoolfield/Assistant District Attorney/employed
new position funded by ARP/ effective 09-01-2021**

[\(Exhibit #4\)](#)

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

D. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding Capital Lease Modifications.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the modifications regarding Capital Lease to Texas Bank for the new radios. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

E. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding County Loans.

Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve to refinance two existing loans with Texas Bank and one with Citizens National Bank pursuant to Section 271.005 of the Texas Local Government Code, that the obligations be payable from the Ad Valorem taxes, budgeted for payment for the obligations or any lawfully available funds, from the Brown County General Fund, Precinct 3 Fund and Precinct 4 Fund to pay the obligations in full at the end of the fiscal year as follow:

Note #55570	General Fund	\$ 76,105.05
Note #49032	Precinct 3	\$218,870.43
Note #57351	Precinct 4	\$ 9,975.27

Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the court voted 5-0 to approve.

F. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Public Hearing on proposed budget.
Judge Lilly opened the Public Hearing on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 and asked for questions or comments from the audience. Commissioner Worley said the Court lowered the Tax Rate from .5776 to .5442. Judge Lilly closed the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget.

G. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding adopting proposed budget.
Commissioner Worley moved that the Court adopt the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #5](#))

H. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Public Hearing on proposed tax rate.
Judge Lilly opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 and asked for questions or comments from the audience. There were none. Judge Lilly closed the Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate.

I. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding adopting proposed tax rate.
Commissioner Worley moved that the proposed tax rate be increased by the adoption of a Tax Rate of .5542%, which is effectively a 4.8% increase in the tax rate. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve a Resolution to adopt the tax rate for the Fiscal Year of 2021-2022 as follows:

General Fund Rate	0.4491
Debt Service Rate	0.0182
Road and Flood Rate	0.0869
Total Rate	0.5542

This Tax Rate will effectively raise more taxes for Maintenance and Operations than last year's rate by 6.42%. This year's levy to fund Maintenance and Operations expenditures exceeds last year's Maintenance and Operations tax levy. ([Exhibit #6](#))

J. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding adopting Maintenance & Operation rate.

Motion: Commissioner Gary Worley, Pct 1, to adopt Maintenance & Operation Rate at 0.4491 per \$100 valuation

Second: Commissioner Wayne Shaw, Pct 3

Vote: For: Gary Worley, Pct 1, Wayne Shaw, Pct 3, Larry Traweek, Pct 4, Joel Kelton, Pct 2, Paul Lilly, County Judge

Against: None

K. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding adopting Debt Service Rate.

Motion: Commissioner Gary Worley, Pct 1, to adopt Debt Service Fund at 0.0182 per \$100 valuation

Second: Commissioner Joel Kelton, Pct 2

Vote: For: Gary Worley, Pct 1, Wayne Shaw, Pct 3, Larry Traweek, Pct 4, Joel Kelton, Pct 2, Paul Lilly, County Judge

Against: None

L. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding adopting Road and Flood Rate.

Motion: Commissioner Gary Worley, Pct 1, to adopt the Road and Flood Rate at 0.0869 per \$100 valuation

Second: Commissioner Larry Traweek, Pct 4

Vote: For: Gary Worley, Pct 1, Wayne Shaw, Pct 3, Larry Traweek, Pct 4, Joel Kelton, Pct 2, Paul Lilly, County Judge

Against: None

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

No action.

10. Adjournment

Judge Lilly adjourned the Brown County Commissioners Court at 9:32 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 **September 13, 2021.**

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