

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a meeting on September 19, 2022, 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. The meeting is recorded and can be found on the Brown County Texas website.**

**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>AMBER HANLEY</b>	<b>CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK</b>
<b>VALERIE WILLIAMS</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR</b>
<b>JENNIFER ROBISON</b>	<b>COUNTY AUDITOR</b>
<b>JENNIFER BROUGHTON</b>	<b>COUNTY ATTORNEY</b>

- 2. Prayer**

**Rev. Ernest Kirk 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 was one citizen comment, from Bryan Thompson, Justice of the Peace Precinct #3, concerning the budget. ([Exhibit #1](#))**

**5. Consideration and approval of the agenda minutes and Budget hearing minutes from the previous meeting (s). 09/12/2022**

**Commissioner Worley moved that the minutes of the September 12, 2022, meeting, and the minutes of the Public Workshop meeting for September 12, 2022, be approved, as presented by Chief Deputy County Clerk Amber Hanley. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

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

**The September 19, 2022, Combined Statement Of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. ([Exhibit #2](#))**

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

- A. Honorable 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. Pat McLaughlin-Grants and Governmental Affairs- Consideration and possible approval of action regarding French Drain quotes for the Sheriff's Department water seepage issue. (CJ)**

**After discussion, with Pat McLaughlin, Grants and Government Affairs Coordinator and Sheriff Vance Hill, regarding French Drain quotes, no action was taken.**

**C. Pat McLaughlin-Grants and Governmental Affairs- Consideration and possible approval of action regarding concrete quotes for the Sheriff's Department water seepage issue. (CJ)**

**After discussion, with Pat McLaughlin, Grants and Government Affairs Coordinator and Sheriff Vance Hill, regarding concrete quotes, no action was taken.**

**D. Larry Franks-Elections Administrator-Announcing to the Commissioners Court the Notice of Election. (CJ)**

**Larry Franks, Brown County Elections Administrator presented, for filing, a Notice Of General Election polling places for the November 8, 2022, General Election. [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)**

**E. Honorable Roy Parrack, Constable, Pct. 3-Consideration and possible approval of schedule of Constable Service Fees. (CJ)**

**After discussion, with Roy Parrack, Constable Precinct #3, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the schedule of Brown County Constable Service Fees proposed for 2023, with no changes. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #4\)](#)**

**F. Honorable Vance Hill, Sheriff-Consideration and possible approval of schedule of Sheriff's Service Fees. (CJ)**

**After discussion, with Sheriff Vance Hill, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the schedule of Brown County Sheriff's Service Fees proposed for 2023, with no changes. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**G. Curt Tunnel, Tunnel Construction-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding Plot on Vick Drive. (CJ)**

**After discussion, with Curt Tunnell, from Tunnell Construction, LLC, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve the Addendum To The Boyd Vick Subdivision plat, in Precinct #1. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #5\)](#)**

**H. Honorable Gary Worley, Commissioner Pct. 1-Consideration and possible action regarding installing a Private Line on CR 267 by Unite Private Networks.**

**Commissioner Worley moved that an application, made by Unite Private Networks to install a telephone line within the right-of-way of County Road #267, in Precinct #1, be approved; subject to Brown County specifications. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #6\)](#)**

**I. Honorable Vance Hill, Sheriff-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding employee changes. (CJ)**

**Commissioner Worley moved that the Court authorize the following salary change at the Sheriff's Department:**

**Christopher Williamson/Deputy/transferred from jail to Police Academy Deputy effective 09-12-2022**

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

**Commissioner Traweck 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. [\(Exhibit #8\)](#)**

**J. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding open hearing on Proposed Budget. (CJ)**

**Judge Lilly opened the public hearing on the 2022-2023 Proposed Brown County Budget and asked for questions or comments. Commissioner Shaw asked about the two Justice of the Peace employee's salaries. After discussion, no action was taken. Judge Lilly closed the public hearing on the 2022-2023 Proposed Brown County Budget.**

**K. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding adopting Proposed Budget. (CJ)**

**Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court adopt the Brown County Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. The proposed budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$1,162,666.00, which is a 6.30 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$308,810.00. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted to approve as follows:**

**Paul Lilly, County Judge-aye**

**Gary Worley, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye**

**Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye**

**Wayne Shaw, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye**

**Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye**

**[\(Exhibit #9\)](#)**

**L. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding voting to set salaries of elected officials.**

**(CJ)**

**Commissioner Worley stated that the Brown County elected officials will receive a \$2,000.00 raise, across the board. Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve the setting of salaries of the Brown County elected officials for 2022-2023 as set out in the 2022-2023 Adopted Budget. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted to approve as follows:**

**Paul Lilly, County Judge-aye**

**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.**

**M. Jennifer Robison-Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding open public hearing on Proposed Tax Rate.**

**(CJ)**

**Judge Lilly opened the public hearing on the Brown County Proposed Tax Rate for 2022-2023. He asked for questions or comments. There were none. Judge Lilly closed the public hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate for 2022-2023.**

**N. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding adopting Proposed Tax Rate. (CJ)**

**Commissioner Worley moved that the Court adopt, by Resolution, the tax rates for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 as proposed:**

<b>General Fund Rate</b>	<b>0.38538</b>
<b>Debt Service Rate</b>	<b>0.02593</b>
<b>Road and Flood Rate</b>	<b>0.07364</b>
<b>Total Tax Rate</b>	<b>0.48495</b>

**Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted as follows:**

**Paul Lilly, County Judge-aye**

**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 9.56%. This year's levy to fund maintenance and operations expenditures exceeds last year's maintenance and operations tax levy. ([Exhibit #10](#))**

- O. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding adopting of Maintenance and Operations Rate. (CJ)**

**Commissioner Worley moved that the Court adopt the Maintenance and Operations rate of 0.38538 per \$100.00 valuation. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted as follows:**

**Paul Lilly, County Judge-aye**

**Gary Worley, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye**

**Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye**

**Wayne Shaw, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye**

**Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye**

- P. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding adoption of Debt Service Rate. (CJ)**

**Commissioner Worley moved that the Court adopt the Debt Service Rate at 0.02593 per \$100.00 valuation. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted as follows:**

**Paul Lilly, County Judge-aye**

**Gary Worley, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye**

**Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye**

**Wayne Shaw, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye**

**Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye**

**Q. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding adoption of Road and Flood Rate. (CJ)**

**Commissioner Worley moved that the Court adopt the Road and Flood Rate at 0.07364 per \$100.00 valuation. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted as follows:**

**Paul Lilly, County Judge-aye**

**Gary Worley, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye**

**Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye**

**Wayne Shaw, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye**

**Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye**

**R. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding Ratification of Tax Rate. (CJ)**

**Commissioner Worley moved that the Court ratify the proposed tax rate of 0.48495. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted as follows:**

**Paul Lilly, County Judge-aye**

**Gary Worley, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye**

**Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye**

**Wayne Shaw, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye**

**Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye**

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

**[\(Exhibit #11\)](#)**

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

**The Budget Workshop that was scheduled for today is cancelled.**

**10. Adjournment**

**Judge Lilly adjourned the Brown County Commissioners Court at 10:00 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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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 September 19, 2022.

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