

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special meeting on January 23, 2023, 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 Britton declared a Quorum and called the meeting to order.

Members of the Court present were:

SHANE BRITTON	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
JOSIE CONTRERAS	ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR
JENNIFER BROUGHTON	COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 2. Prayer**

Judge Britton 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.) All Presentations are subject to a (5) minute time limit. Multiple person groups will be limited to one speaker.

There were no citizen comments.

5. Consideration and approval of the Agenda Minutes from the previous meeting (s). 01/17/2023

Commissioner Kelton moved that the minutes of the January 17, 2023 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 January 23, 2023, 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 December 2022 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Worley and a second by Commissioner Traweek. 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 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. Mia Stroope, Chief Justice-Court Administrator-Consideration and possible approval of purchasing new computer and updating to Windows 10. (CJ)

After discussion, with Bryan Thompson, Justice of the Peace Precinct #3, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize the purchase of two computers, (plus Windows updates) for the Justice of the Peace Offices. The total purchase price will be \$2,487.95 and will be paid from the Justice of the Peace Technology Fund. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

C. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding declaring IT equipment working equipment surplus to sell on GovDeals. (CJ)

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court declare IT equipment, that is working, as surplus to be sold. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)

D. Jennifer Robison, Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding declaring unusable IT equipment surplus to be destroyed. (CJ)

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court declare IT equipment, that is unusable, as surplus to be destroyed. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #4](#))

E. Honorable Larry Traweek, Commissioner Pct. 4-Consideration and possible approval of action to purchase a Chipper.

Commissioner Traweek informed the Court that Precinct #2 (Joel Kelton) and Precinct #4 (Larry Traweek) share a Chipper. He said that Precinct #2 Commissioner (Joel Kelton) will pay Precinct #4 Commissioner (Larry Traweek) one half of the value, which is \$19,000.00 of the shared Chipper so that Precinct #4 (Larry Traweek) can purchase a new Chipper to be used in Precinct #4. After discussion, Commissioner Traweek moved that he be authorized to purchase a Chipper for \$81,277.00. Of that amount, he will finance \$62,277.00 with Texas Bank. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #5](#))

F. Pat McLaughlin, Grants Coordinator-Open sealed bids for VCT Tile Repair at “The Oaks Rite of Passage”.

In the absence of Pat McLaughlin, Commissioner Worley opened two sealed bids for VCT Tile Repair at “The Oaks Rite of Passage”. The bids were from:

Callaway Carpet ([Exhibit #6](#))

L & K Construction ([Exhibit #7](#))

G. Pat McLaughlin, Grants Coordinator-Consideration and possible approval to accept bid for VCT Tile Repair at “The Oaks Rite of Passage”.

After discussion, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court accept the bid, for VCT Tile Repair at “The Oaks Rite of Passage”, from L & K Construction. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #7](#))

H. Pat McLaughlin, Grants Coordinator-Open sealed bids for Foundation Repair at “The Oaks Rite of Passage”.

In the absence of Pat McLaughlin, Commissioner Worley opened one sealed bid, for Foundation Repair at “The Oaks Rite of Passage”, from Big Country Foundation Repair. ([Exhibit #8](#))

I. Pat McLaughlin, Grants Coordinator-Consideration and possible approval to accept bid for Foundation Repair at “The Oaks Rite of Passage”.

After discussion, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve the only bid received, for Foundation Repair at “The Oaks Rite of Passage”, from Big Country Foundation Repair for Phase 1 and Phase 2. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #8](#))

J. Honorable Shane Britton-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding employee changes.

Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve the following personnel and salary in the County Judge's Office:

**Nina Valencia/Court Administrator
effective 01-01-2023 ([Exhibit #9](#))**

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

K. Honorable Joel Kelton, Commissioner Pct. 2-Consideration and possible approval of Plat for Bayou Estates #1 & #2.

After discussion, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve the Plat for Bayou Estates Phase 2, in Precinct #2, contingent upon certification by Rita Thompson concerning on-site sewage. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #10](#))

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

After discussion, with Sheriff Vance Hill, Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court authorize the following personnel changes and salaries in the Sheriff's Department:

David Kline/Jailer/employed

effective 01-16-2023

filling vacant position due to promotions

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

Reynaldo Villarreal/Jailer/employed

effective 01-16-2023

filling vacant position due to promotions

[\(Exhibit #12\)](#)

Thomas Beloat/transfer f/jail to police academy/deputy

effective 01-23-2023

Carlyle J. "CJ" Gover/Deputy/discontinued

effective 10-21-2022 [\(Exhibit #13\)](#)

Malcom Wilkes/Deputy Temporary/PT

effective 01-19-2023 [\(Exhibit #14\)](#)

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

M. Honorable Vance Hill, Sheriff-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding authorization to accept donations.

(CJ)

After discussion, with Sheriff Vance Hill, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court authorize the Sheriff's Department to accept a \$100.00 check donation from Richard and Jeanette Hodges. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

N. Honorable Vance Hill, Sheriff-Presentation of Racial Profiling Report to the Commissioners Court. (CJ)

Sheriff Vance Hill read The Racial Profiling Report and presented it to the Court, for filing. [\(Exhibit #15\)](#)

The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by the Sheriff's Department, for filing. [\(Exhibit #16\)](#)

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

Commissioner Kelton moved that the claims, as presented by Assistant County Auditor Josie Contreras, be paid. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

[\(Exhibit #17\)](#)

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

No action.

10. Adjournment

Judge Britton adjourned the Brown County Commissioners Court at 9:55 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 Meetings Act.

Submitted on the _____ day of _____, 2023.

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 **January 23, 2023**.

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