

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular meeting on April 17, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Courtroom, at the Brown County Courthouse, 200 South Broadway St., Brownwood, Texas.

I. 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

II. PRAYER

Troy Henderson, Constable Precinct #4, led the Court in the invocation.

III. 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.

IV. MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

A. Approval of the Agenda Minutes from the previous regular meeting held on 04-10-2023.

Commissioner Worley moved that the minutes of the April 10, 2023, meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

V. TREASURER'S AND AUDITOR'S REPORT

A. Acceptance of Treasurer's/Auditor's Report.

The Total Of Funds Under The Care & Custody Of Brown County Treasurer And Auditors Report for March 2023 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Worley and a second by Commissioner Kelton. 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. [\(Exhibit #1\)](#)

The April 17, 2023, Combined Statement Of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. [\(Exhibit #2\)](#)

VI. EMPLOYEE CHANGES:

A. Sheriff's Department

Commissioner Kelton moved that the following personnel changes and salaries be approved at the Sheriff's Department:

**Alexandria Sanchez/transfer from jail to police academy/
deputy effective 04-17-2023 [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)**

**Michel Wilson/transfer from jail to police academy/deputy
effective 04-17-2023**

**Rita Duaine/Deputy/discontinued
effective 02-28-2023 [\(Exhibit #4\)](#)**

**Ashleigh Geis/Jailer/employed
effective 03-20-2023**

**Michael Hough/Jailer/discontinued
effective 03-13-2023 [\(Exhibit #5\)](#)**

**Chase Cunningham/Jailer/employed
effective 03-20-2023**

**Ashley Ryan/Jailer/discontinued
effective 03-13-2023 [\(Exhibit #6\)](#)**

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- A. First Responder Recognition – Fred Bastardo, SRO, Brownwood High School, will be recognized as the outstanding first responder of the first quarter.**

Judge Britton recognized Fred Bastardo, Brownwood High School Resource Officer, as the outstanding first responder of the first quarter. ([Exhibit #7](#))

VIII. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

- A. Consider and possible approval of county bank depository agreement.**

After discussion, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve Texas Bank as the Brown County Bank Depository. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

- B. Consider and take appropriate action on whether circumstances present in the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning and whether to institute a burn ban pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081.**

No action. The burn ban remains lifted.

- C. Consideration and possible approval of action regarding the Salt Creek Estates Plat. This item will be presented by Levi Craft.**

After discussion with Levi Craft, Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court approve the Salt Creek Estates Plat, in Precinct #3. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #8](#))

- D. Consideration and possible approval of action authorizing Vance Hill to accept a donation on behalf of the Sheriff's Department.**

No action.

IX. FINANCIAL

- A. Payment of bills as presented by the County Auditor.**

Commissioner Worley moved that the claims, as presented by Assistant County Auditor Josie Contreras, be paid. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #9](#))

- B. Consider and take appropriate action regarding 2 invoices from Black's Plumbing for work on the Juvenile Center.**

After discussion with Grants Coordinator Pat McLaughlin, no action was taken.

Judge Britton recessed the Regular Session to convene into Executive Session at 9:45 A.M.

Judge Britton called the Executive Session to Order at 9:45 A.M.

- X. EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Commissioner’s Court will convene into a closed executive session, pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Government Code Vernon’s Annotated, in accordance with the authority contain in the following section: Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney**
- A. Agreement with the City of Brownwood for the renovation and use of 305 Booker.**

No action was taken.

Judge Britton recessed the Executive Session at 10:30 A.M and called the Regular Session back to order.

XI. ACTION AS A RESULT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Consideration and possible approval of an agreement between Brown County and the City of Brownwood for the renovation of 805 Booker as a future location for the Brown County Health Department.**

Commissioner Kelton moved that Brown County commit up to \$600,000.00 for the renovation of the former TSTC building located at 305 Booker, Brownwood, Texas and that the County authorize Brown County Attorney Jennifer Broughton to further negotiate the terms of the lease/agreement with the City of Brownwood. This building will house the Brown County Health Department and other County offices.

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Judge Britton adjourned the Brown County Commissioners Court at 10:36 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 **April 17, 2023**.

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