

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular meeting July 10, 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
JENNIFER ROBISON	COUNTY AUDITOR
JENNIFER BROUGHTON	COUNTY ATTORNEY

II. PRAYER

The Rev. Carol Roberts, pastor of the Central United Church of Brownwood, 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 06-26-2023

Commissioner Kelton moved that the minutes of the June 26, 2023, meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Shaw 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 July 10, 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 June 2023 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. [\(Exhibit #2\)](#)

VI. EMPLOYEE CHANGES:

A. Commissioner Larry Traweek Pct. 4-Employee pay increase. Commissioner Traweek moved that the following employees receive a salary change:

Slade Byars/Road Hand [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)

Frederick Browne/Road Hand [\(Exhibit #4\)](#)

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

VII. RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. First Responder Recognition-Fire Chief Ricky Preas of Bangs VFD.

Judge Britton presented the Emergency Management First Responder Commendation Award to the family of Bangs Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Ricky Preas, who passed away on June 28, 2023. [\(Exhibit #5\)](#)

VIII. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

- A. Consideration and possible approval of action regarding paying L&K Construction \$10,000 to begin the second installment of project at the Oaks. Presented by Pat McLaughlin.**

After discussion, with Grants Coordinator Pat McLaughlin, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize the second request, from L&K Construction, to draw \$10,000.00 towards the continued repair of The Oaks/Rite of Passage project. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #6\)](#)

- B. Consideration and possible approval of action regarding selection of option from the Texas Bank Bid. Presented by Gary Worley.**

Texas Bank, the Brown County Depository, had two Options for Deposit Service Requirements. After discussion, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve Option #1 for a four year term, year 1 rates fixed, years 2-4 variable with interest bearing demand accounts where interest will be paid on all demand deposit accounts on the collected balances greater than \$1,000. Interest will be paid at the end of each statement cycle and fixed rate certificates of deposit, for maturities less than 1 year, the rate will be calculated 13-week T-bill quote less 0.45 bp. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #7\)](#)

**C. Consideration and possible approval of action
regarding the Burn Ban.**

After discussion, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court declare that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning and that the Court sign an Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning, for 90 days, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Commissioners Court or the County Judge based on a determination that the circumstances that required the Order no longer exist. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #8](#))

IX. FINANCIAL

A. Payment of bills.

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

Judge Britton adjourned the Brown County Commissioners Court at 9:25 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 July 10, 2023.

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