

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special meeting on August 7, 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 Pro-Tem Kelton declared a Quorum and called the meeting to order.

Members of the Court present were:

SHANE BRITTON	absent	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

Sterling Lentz, Pastor of First Christian Church, Brownwood, TX 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 07-31-2023

Commissioner Traweek moved that the minutes of the July 31, 2023, meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

V. TREASURER'S AND AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

The August 7, 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 July 2023 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Worley and a second by Commissioner Shaw. 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. Cheryl Jones

After discussion with District Clerk Cheryl Jones, Commissioner Traweck moved that the Court authorize the following personnel changes and salaries in the District Clerk's Office:

**Amber McCullough/Chief Deputy/Civil-promoted
effective 08-01-2023**

**Becky Dudley/Chief Deputy/Civil-retired
effective 07-31-2023 [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)**

**Pamela Lehman/Deputy Clerk/Criminal-employed
effective 08-07-2023**

**Amber McCullough/Deputy Clerk/Criminal
promoted to Chief Deputy effective 07-31-2023 [\(Exhibit #4\)](#)**

**Tina Squyres/Deputy Clerk/Civil-employed
effective August 2023**

**Frankie Marshal/Deputy Clerk/Civil-discontinued
effective 08-31-2023 ([Exhibit #5](#))**

Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

B. T'Anna Adams

After discussion, with Commissioners Court Administrator T'Anna Adams, Commissioner Shaw moved that the following personnel change and salary be approved in the Commissioners Court Office:

**Melody Smith/Administrative Assistant/employed
effective 08-01-2023**

**Melody Smith/Administrative Assistant/discontinued
effective 06-30-2022 ([Exhibit #6](#))**

Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

VII. RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. Veterans Service Office Annual Report-Presented by James Masters.

James Masters, Veterans Service Officer, presented the Brown County Veterans Service Office Report, for 2022, for filing. ([Exhibit #7](#))

VIII. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

- A. Consideration and possible approval of Legislative changes to Jury pay. Presented by Cheryl Jones.**

After discussion, with District Clerk Cheryl Jones, Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve to pay prospective jurors, due to Legislative changes, from \$6.00 for the first day of jury service to \$20.00 and from \$34.00 for each additional day of jury service to \$60.00. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #8](#))

- B. Consideration and possible approval of action regarding purchase of storage shed for Brown County Sheriff's Department. Presented by Sheriff Vance Hill.**

After discussion with Sheriff Vance Hill, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court authorize the Sheriff's Department an expenditure of up to \$9,000.00 for the purchase of a 12 X 20 storage building. The expenditure will be paid from the Sheriff's Inmate Telephone Fund. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

C. Consideration and possible approval of action regarding funding for Bola Wrap Devices for the Brown County Sheriff's Department. Presented by Sheriff Vance Hill.

After discussion with Sheriff Vance Hill, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court authorize an expenditure of \$32,541.60 for 20 Bola Wrap Devices for the Sheriff's Department. This expenditure will be paid from the Opioid Funds. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by the Sheriff's Department, for filing. [\(Exhibit #9\)](#)

IX. FINANCIAL

A. Payment of bills.

Commissioner Traweck moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Jennifer Robison, be paid. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #10\)](#)

X. ADJOURNMENT

Judge Pro-Tem Kelton adjourned the Brown County Commissioners Court at 9:39 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 **August 7, 2023.**

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