

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special meeting on October 2, 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 absent

II. PRAYER

Marcus Wasson, Pastor of Church of the Living God, 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 09-25-2023.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the minutes of the September 25, 2023, Commissioners Court 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 October 2, 2023, Combined Statement Of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. [\(Exhibit #1\)](#)

VI. BURN BAN:

The burn ban remains lifted.

VII. EMPLOYEE CHANGES:

A. Sheriff's Department

Commissioner Worley moved that the Court authorize the following personnel changes at the Sheriff's Department:

**Alexandria Sanchez/Deputy/transferred from jail
effective 09-28-2023 ([Exhibit #2](#))**

**Lee Grigo/PT File Clerk/discontinued
effective 09-25-2023**

**Ashley Larrington/PT File Clerk/employed
effective 09-26-2023 (\$14.00 per hour pay) ([Exhibit #3](#))**

Commissioner Traweek 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 #4](#))

VII. RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. National 4-H Week Proclamation

Commissioner Worley read a Proclamation then moved that the Court approve the Proclamation and designate October 1-7, 2023, as National 4-H Week in Texas. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #5](#))

B. IT Update.

Sam Goldsmith, from Goldsmith Solutions, provided a 20-page handout to the Commissioners, then provided an IT Update, to the Court. No action was taken. ([Exhibit #6; pages 1-8 of the 20-page handout](#))

IX. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

A. Consideration and possible approval of ratifying agreement with Resound Networks for internet service for the Juvenile Probation Building. Presented by Goldsmith Solutions.

After discussion, with Sam Goldsmith, from Goldsmith Solutions, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court ratify the Agreement with Resound Networks to provide a bandwidth upgrade, for the Juvenile Probation Building. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

([Exhibit #7; page 9 of the 20-page handout](#))

B. Consideration and possible approval of ratifying agreement with Resound Networks for Internet Service for Veteran's Building. Presented by Goldsmith Solutions.

After discussion, with Sam Goldsmith, from Goldsmith Solutions, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court ratify the Agreement with Resound Networks to provide a bandwidth upgrade, for the Veteran's Service Building. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

([Exhibit #8; page 10 of the 20-page handout](#))

C. Consideration and possible approval of purchase of equipment for IT Projects with funds allocated out of ARPA. Presented by Goldsmith Solutions.

After discussion, with Sam Goldsmith, from Goldsmith Solutions, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve the purchase of IT Projects equipment, called IT VISION 2025, with funds that were allocated out of ARPA Funds. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

[\(Exhibit #9; pages 11-16 of the 20-page handout\)](#)

D. Consideration and possible approval of IT Hardware recycling. Presented by Goldsmith Solutions.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve a list of Information Technology hardware equipment to be recycled, as presented by Sam Goldsmith, from Goldsmith Solutions. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

[\(Exhibit #10; pages 17-19 of the 20-page handout\)](#)

E. Consideration and possible approval of ratifying agreement with 8X8 for phone service. Presented by Goldsmith Solutions.

After discussion, with Sam Goldsmith, from Goldsmith Solutions, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court ratify the Agreement with 8X8 Phone Service to provide a Cloud based Voice Over IP for the Juvenile Probation Office, the Veteran's Service Office, and the County Agent. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #11; page 20 of the 20-page handout\)](#)

F. Consideration and possible approval of action to purchase new equipment. Presented by Commissioner Traweek.

Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court authorize him to trade-in a 2017 Wheel Loader, with a trade allowance, and purchase a 2023 Wheel Loader, for \$206,389.12, for use in Precinct #4. This purchase will be a 5-year lease contract to be financed. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #12](#))

X. FINANCIAL

A. Payment of bills.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Jennifer Robison, be paid. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #13](#))

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Judge Britton adjourned the Brown County Commissioners Court at 10:04 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 **October 2, 2023**.

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