

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special meeting on October 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
JOSIE CONTRERAS	ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR
JENNIFER BROUGHTON	COUNTY ATTORNEY

II. PRAYER

Father Tony Franco, from St. Mary's Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 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 was one citizen comment, from Pat Krenek. Mrs. Krenek invited the Commissioner's Court to the Brown County Republican Women's meeting to be held on Friday, October 13, 2023, at the Brownwood Country Club. Sid Miller, Commissioner of the Texas Department of Agriculture, will be the speaker.

IV. MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

- A. Approval of the agenda minutes from the previous regular meeting held on 10-02-2023.**

Commissioner Worley moved that the minutes of the October 2, 2023, Commissioner Court meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Traweek 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 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 September 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. [\(Exhibit #2\)](#)

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, as presented by Chief Deputy Sheriff James Stroope:

Blake Sheedy/Jailer/employed

effective 10-06-2023

Reynaldo Villarreal/Jailer/discontinued

effective 09-07-2023 [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)

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. Brown County TEEA Ladies

After discussion, with Martha Baker and Sandra Wylie, from the Owens Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA), Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court adopt the Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA) Week Proclamation and proclaim the week of October 10, 2023, as Texas Extension Education Association Week In Brown County, Texas. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #5](#))

B. Third Quarter First Responder Recognition

Judge Britton presented the Third Quarter Emergency Management First Responder Award to Police Officer Robert Lee, for his outstanding service as the Brownwood ISD School Resource Officer.

C. ALERRT Training Recognition.

Pat McLaughlin, Brown County Grants Coordinator, presented Certificates of Appreciation to Zephyr ISD, Blanket ISD, and Brookshire's Grocery Store, for hosting the ALERRT Training for local law enforcement.

D. 2024 Brown County Resolution Indigent Defense Grant Program.

Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve the 2024 Brown County Resolution Indigent Defense Grant Program and authorize Judge Britton to apply for, accept, decline, modify, or cancel the grant application. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #6](#))

Nick Gonzales, Extension Office DEA-Youth and Development presented 4-H Council members, Madison Moseley, Kate Smith, and Lane Holman and Junior 4-H member Madison Holland. The 4-H members presented the Court with cookies and thanked the Court for their support.

IX. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

- A. Consideration and possible approval of appointment of new Child Welfare Board Members. Presented by Lisa Caldwell.**

Lisa Caldwell honored Glenna Brownlee, who passed away, for her dedicated service to the Child Welfare Board. After discussion, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the appointment of six new Child Welfare Board Members listed below:

Kaitlynn Burt

Tiffany Kilburn

Sheri Coute

Alice Salazar

Kinsey Ragsdale

Morenci Locke

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

B. Consideration and possible approval to refinance a Texas Bank loan. Presented by Josie Contreras.

Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve to refinance an existing Brown County bank loan, Note #65781 Precinct #4, with Texas Bank. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #7](#))

C. Consideration and possible action to approve a salary increase for a part time road hand in Pct. 1-Presented by Commissioner Worley.

Commissioner Worley moved that the Court authorize a salary increase for Chad Hallum, part-time road hand for Precinct #1. The hourly rate will be \$14.00 per hour, instead of \$12.00 per hour. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #8](#))

D. Consideration and possible approval of application to Install a Private Line on CR 185 by Brookesmith SUD. Presented by Commissioner Worley.

Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve an application, made by Brookesmith SUD, to install a buried water line within the right-of-way of County Road #185, in Precinct #1; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #9](#))

- E. Consideration and possible approval of Application to Install a Private Line on CR 478 by Steppes Creek Consulting/Dean Clements for Kris Beck. Presented by Commissioner Kelton.**

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve an application, made by Steppes Creek Consulting for Kis Beck, to install a buried water line within the right-of-way of County Road #478, in Precinct #2; subject to Brown County specifications for boring a road. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #10](#))

- F. Consideration and possible approval of Application to Install a Private Line on Buckview Rd by Brookesmith SUD. Presented by Commissioner Traweek.**

Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve an application, made by Brookesmith SUD, to install a buried water line within the right-of-way of Buckview Road, in Precinct #4; subject to Brown County specifications for boring a road. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #11](#))

G. Consideration and possible approval of authorization for Sheriff's Department to accept donations. Presented by Sheriff Vance Hill.

Commissioner Worley moved that the Court authorize the Sheriff's Department to accept a \$15,000.00 donation from the Stephen and Mary Birch Foundation, as presented by Chief Deputy Sheriff James Stroope. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

H. Consideration and possible approval to purchase vehicle equipment for the Sheriff's Department. Presented by Sheriff Vance Hill.

After discussion, with Chief Deputy Sheriff James Stroope, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court authorize the Sheriff's Department to purchase six cameras, with body cameras, for the six new vehicles leased by the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

I. Consideration and possible approval to purchase vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. Presented by Sheriff Vance Hill.

After discussion, with Chief Deputy Sheriff James Stroope, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court authorize the Sheriff's Department to lease six new vehicles. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

J. Consideration and possible approval of Preventative HVAC Maintenance contract for the Courthouse. Presented by Bryan Switzer and Bill Pursch.

After discussion, with Brown County Maintenance Supervisor Bryan Switzer and Bill Pursch, from Heart Of Texas Mechanical Contracting, LLC, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve a preventative HVAC Maintenance Agreement between Brown County and Heart Of Texas Mechanical Contracting, LLC. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #12\)](#)

X. FINANCIAL

A. Payment of bills.

Commissioner Worley moved that the claims, as presented by Assistant County Auditor Josie Contreras, 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 10:23 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 10, 2023.**

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