

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular meeting on December 4, 2023, at 9:07 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:**

<b>SHANE BRITTON</b>	<b>COUNTY JUDGE</b>
<b>GARY WORLEY</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1</b>
<b>JOEL KELTON</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2</b>
<b>WAYNE SHAW</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3</b>
<b>LARRY TRAWEEK</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4</b>

**Also present:**

<b>SHARON FERGUSON</b>	<b>COUNTY CLERK</b>
<b>JENNIFER ROBISON</b>	<b>COUNTY AUDITOR</b>
<b>JENNIFER BROUGHTON</b>	<b>COUNTY ATTORNEY</b>

**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 11-20-2023.**

**Commissioner Kelton moved that the minutes of the November 20, 2023, Commissioners Court meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Worley 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 December 4, 2023, Combined Statement Of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. [\(Exhibit #1\)](#)**

**VI. BURN BAN: Consider and take appropriate action to reinstate a county-wide burn ban.**

**After discussion, no action was taken. The burn ban remains lifted.**

**VII. EMPLOYEE CHANGES:**

**A. Elections Office.**

**After discussion, with Brenda Arp, Brown County Elections Administrator, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court authorize the following personnel change and salary:**

**Lori Hurt/Assistant Election Administrator/employed  
effective 12-04-2023**

**June Bower/Assistant Election Administrator/discontinued**

**Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #2\)](#)**

**B. Sheriff's Department.**

**No action.**

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**None.**

**IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**A. Public Hearing-To consider applying for a Successful Status in the Countywide Polling Place Program (Voting Center).**

**a. Conduct Public Hearing**

**Judge Britton recessed the Special Session at 9:15 a.m. and opened the Public Hearing concerning being able to vote anywhere in Brown County during election times. Judge Britton asked the audience for questions or comments. There were none. Judge Britton closed the Public Hearing at 9:17 a.m. and reconvened the Special Session.**

**b. Action, if necessary.**

**After discussion, no action was taken.**

**X. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:**

**A. Consideration and possible approval of the EMS Ambulance contract.**

**After discussion, with Brownwood Fire Chief Eric Hicks, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court accept the recommendation of the Ambulance Oversight Committee to accept a three-year term Contract For Exclusive Ambulance Service between Brown County, State of Texas and Lifeguard Ambulance Service of Texas, LLC contingent upon approval of the other three entities (City of Brownwood, City of Bangs, and City of Early). Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)**

**B. Consideration and possible approval of presentation of data from the Sexual Assault Response Team. Presented by LorAnn Newman.**

**LorAnn Newman, Assistant District Attorney and Presiding President of the Sexual Assault Response Team, presented data from the Biennial Report 35<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Sexual Assault Response Team for January 2022 to December 2023. After discussion, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the Sexual Assault Response Team Member Amendment to amend the Original Members. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #4](#))**

**C. Consideration and possible approval of The Ranches at Century Oaks subdivision PLAT. Presented by Brett Carter.**

**Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve The Ranches At Century Oaks Subdivision Plat, in Precinct #2. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #5](#))**

**D. Consideration and possible approval of abandoning an ally in Zephyr on CR 279. Presented by Commissioner Wayne Shaw Pct.**

**3.**

**After discussion with Evelyn Loyd, Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court approve the abandoning of an ally on CR 279 in Precinct #3 in Zephyr, Texas. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #6](#))**

**E. Consideration and possible approval to designate a parking spot on the West Side of the Courthouse by the handicap ramp for Combat Wounded Purple Heart Recipients. Presented by Commissioner Wayne Shaw Pct. 3.**

**Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court approve the designation of a parking place on the West side of the Courthouse, by the handicap ramp, for Combat Wounded Purple Heart Recipients. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**F. Consideration and possible approval of action regarding signing the 2024/2025 Interlocal Agreement for the Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases.**

**No action.**

**G. Consideration and possible approval of authorization to accept donations for the Sheriff's Department.**

**No action.**

## **XI. FINANCIAL**

**A. Payment of bills.**

**Commissioner Worley moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Jennifer Robison, be paid. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #7](#))**

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Judge Britton adjourned the Brown County Commissioners Court at 10:10 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.**

