

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular meeting on December 11, 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

Sharon Ferguson, Brown County Clerk, 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 12-04-2023.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the minutes of the December 4, 2023, Commissioners 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 December 11, 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 November 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. [\(Exhibit #2\)](#)

Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve the Brown County Investment Report for the Third Quarter of 2023. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)

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. Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the following personnel and salary changes be made at the Sheriff's Department:

Robert Ford/Jailer/employed

effective 12-01-2023

Connie Beloat/Jailer/discontinued

effective 09-08-2023 [\(Exhibit #4\)](#)

Joseph Hamlin/Jailer/employed

effective 12-01-2023

Madeline Reigle/Jailer/discontinued as Jailer

Transferred to Deputy/Police Academy

effective 12-11-2023 ([Exhibit #5](#))

Audrey Wallace/PT File Clerk/transferred

from Jailer effective 11-06-2023 ([Exhibit #6](#))

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

VIII. RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. County Wide Voting Resolution-Brenda Arp.

After discussion, with Elections Administrator Brenda Arp, the Commissioners Court signed a Resolution Supporting Continuation In The Texas Countywide Polling Place Program. ([Exhibit #7](#))

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

X. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

A. Consideration and possible authorization to accept donations for the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Worley moved that the Court authorize the Sheriff's Department to accept a \$100.00 donation from Richard and Janette Hodges. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

B. Consideration and possible approval of authorization to declare dilapidated vehicles surplus property. Presented by Sheriff Vance Hill.

After discussion, with Sheriff Vance Hill, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court declare four vehicles, from the Sheriff's Department, (2007 Chevrolet Trail Blazer, 2000 Dodge Van, 2006 Ford F150, and a 2010 Dodge Charger) as surplus. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #8\)](#)

C. Consideration and possible approval to sell surplus and forfeited vehicles on GOV Deals.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize the Sheriff's Department to sell four surplus vehicles on GOV Deals. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

D. Consideration and possible approval of authorization to declare dilapidated chairs as surplus property. Presented by Sheriff Vance Hill.

After discussion, with Sheriff Vance Hill, Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court declare 19 chairs, from the Sheriff's Department, as surplus. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #8\)](#)

E. Consideration and possible approval of authorization to dispose of surplus chairs. Presented by Sheriff Vance Hill.

After discussion with Sheriff Vance Hill, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court authorize Sheriff Hill to dispose of, as he sees fit, 19 chairs that were declared surplus. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

F. Open Request for Proposals on hot water system for the Law Enforcement Center. Presented by Sheriff Vance Hill.

Judge Britton opened one Request For Proposal for a hot water system for the Law Enforcement Center. The RFP was from Black Plumbing. [\(Exhibit #9\)](#)

G. Consideration and possible discussion and approval of bid on hot water system for Law Enforcement Center. Presented by Sheriff Vance Hill.

After discussion with Sheriff Vance Hill, no action was taken.

H. Consideration and possible approval to appoint Lee Haney to fill the unexpired term for Justice of the Peace Precinct 1. Presented by Shane Britton, County Judge.

After discussion, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court appoint Lee Haney to fill the unexpired term, effective immediately, of Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 left vacant by the resignation of Doug Hurt. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #10](#), [Exhibit #11](#), and [Exhibit #12](#))

XI. 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](#))

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Judge Britton adjourned the Brown County Commissioners Court at 9:46 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 December 11, 2023.

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