

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special meeting on December 18, 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

Richard Couch 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 12-18-2023.

Commissioner Traweek moved that the minutes of the December 11, 2023, Commissioners Court meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Worley 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 December 18, 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. Sheriff's Department.

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

Timmie Kelly/Jailer/employed

effective 12-04-2023

Audrey Wallace/Jailer/discontinued ([Exhibit #2](#))

Leslie D. "Trey" Karnes, III/PT Visitation Clerk

employed effective 12-12-2023

Ariel McKoy/PT Visitation Clerk/discontinued

effective 11-17-2023 ([Exhibit #3](#))

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 #4](#))

VIII. RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. Brown County Extension Office Annual County Commissioners Interpretation. (The Commissioners Court will adjourn from the Courthouse and reconvene at the extension office.)

Judge Pro-Tem Kelton recessed the Special Session at 9:13 a.m., to the Brown County Extension Offices at 605 Fisk Avenue, Brownwood, Texas.

Judge Pro-Tem Kelton re-convened the Court at 10:00 a.m., at the Extension Office. Discussion followed with Scott Anderson, County Extension Agent-AG, Nick Gonzales, DEA-Youth and Development, Courtney Parrott, County Extension Agent-Family & Community Health, and Wendy Hamilton, Extension Agent-Better Living for Texans, as they presented their 2023 Activity Reports. The Court commended them for their good work. No action was taken.

(Exhibit #5, Exhibit #6, and Exhibit #7)

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

X. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

A. Consideration and possible approval of action to begin work on hot water system project for the Law Enforcement Center. Presented by Sheriff Hill.

After discussion, with Sheriff Vance Hill, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court authorize Sheriff Hill to proceed with the hot water system project for the Law Enforcement Center and that the Court tentatively approve the water softener system (for \$16,485.00) according to Sheriff Hill's discretion. This entire project will be paid for by the Contingency Fund. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #8\)](#)

XI. 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.

[\(Exhibit #9\)](#)

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Judge Pro-Tem Kelton adjourned the Brown County Commissioners Court 10:48 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 18, 2023.**

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