

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special meeting on December 26, 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 was not recorded today.

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	absent	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 absent

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 12-18-2023.

Commissioner Shaw moved that the minutes of the December 18, 2023, Commissioners Court meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.

V. TREASURER'S AND AUDITOR'S REPORT

A. Acceptance of Treasurer's/Auditor's Report.

The December 26, 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. District Attorney's Office (Texas Rural Prosecutors Assistance Grant).

Commissioner Traweek moved that the following personnel and salary be approved in the District Attorney's Office:

**David Stewart/D.A. Investigator/employed
effective 01-16-2024 ([Exhibit #2](#))**

This salary, and fringes, will be paid for by the Texas Rural Prosecutors Assistance Grant for two years. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. Texas Rural Prosecutors Assistance Grant.

After discussion, with District Attorney Micheal Murray, Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court adopt a Resolution certifying that no funds provided to the 35th Judicial District Attorney's Office will be reduced because of an award of funds from the Texas Rural Prosecutors Assistance Grant. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #3](#))

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

X. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

A. Consideration and possible approval of budgeted routine expenditures and disbursements. Commissioner Gary Worley Pct. 1. Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court approve an Order For Disbursement Of Salaries And Routine Office Expenses that allows the Brown County Treasurer to disburse payments, for expenses, upon submission of all necessary payroll information by the appropriate department head or supervisor, approved by the Auditor, before approval by Commissioners Court. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #4\)](#)

B. Consideration and possible action to join TEX-21 regarding the highway 377 corridor. Commissioner Gary Worley Pct. 1. No action.

XI. FINANCIAL

A. Payment of bills. Commissioner Traweek moved that the claims, as presented by Assistant County Auditor Josie Contreras, be paid. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #5\)](#)

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Judge Pro-Tem Kelton adjourned the Brown County Commissioners Court at 9:26 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 26, 2023.**

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