

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular meeting on January 8, 2024, 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

Jay Frazee, Pastor of First Methodist 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 were no citizen comments.

IV. MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

A. Approval of the agenda minutes from the previous regular meeting held on 12-26-2023.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the minutes of the December 26, 2023, Commissioners Court meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted to approve.

V. TREASURER'S AND AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

The January 8, 2024, 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 Elections Administrator Brenda Arp, Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court approve the following personnel and salary changes at the Elections Office:

Jim Cornelius/Deputy Voter Registrar/employed

effective 01-02-2024

Ervin Bates/Deputy Voter Registrar/discontinued

effective 12-26-2023 ([Exhibit #2](#))

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

B. Sheriff's Department

After discussion with Sheriff Vance Hill, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve the following personnel and salary changes at the Sheriff's Department:

Douglas Fenton/Jailer/employed

effective 12-01-2023

Hayden Donahoo/transferred from Jail to Deputy

Police Academy effective 12-01-2023 ([Exhibit #3](#))

Commissioner Kelton 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](#))

VIII. RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

None.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

X. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

- A. Consideration and possible action to join TEX-21 regarding the highway 377 corridor. Commissioner Gary Worley Pct. 1.**

After discussion, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court adopt a 791 Purchasing Cooperative Board/Commissioners Court Resolution for participation in 791 Purchasing Cooperative (791 Coop) and approve a Master Interlocal Agreement between Brown County and 791 COOP. The cost is \$5,000.00 annually and will be paid for by the Road and Bridge Fund. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #5](#))

- B. Consideration and possible approval of Notice of Primary Election. Presented by Brenda Arp Elections Administrator.**

After discussion with Elections Administrator Brenda Arp, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve a Joint Resolution And Statistical Information For Joint Primary Joint Resolution. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #6](#))

C. Consideration and possible approval of action for application to install a private line on CR 294. Commissioner Shaw Pct. 3.

Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court approve an application, made by Blanket Ranch North Solar, LLC, to install an aerial electric line within the right-of-way of County Road 294, in Precinct #3; subject to Brown County specifications. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #7](#))

D. Consideration and possible approval of action for application to install a private line on CR 292. Commissioner Larry Traweek Pct. 4.

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 County Road #192, 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 #8](#))

E. Consideration and possible approval of employee rate increase for Precinct 4. Commissioner Larry Traweek Pct. 4

Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve the following salary change in Precinct #4:

**Slade Byers/Road Hand/salary increase
effective 02-01-2024 ([Exhibit #9](#))**

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

XI. FINANCIAL

A. Payment of bills.

Commissioner Ketlon moved that the claims, as presented by Assistant County Auditor Josie Contreras, be paid. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

(Exhibit #10)

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Judge Britton 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 _____, 2024.

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 **January 8, 2024.**

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