

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special meeting on February 26, 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 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	DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK
JOSIE CONTRERAS	ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR
JENNIFER BROUGHTON	absent COUNTY ATTORNEY

II. PRAYER

Darrell Johnston, Emergency Management Coordinator, 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 three (3) citizen comments.

Allen Andrews addressed the Court concerning the YMCA. [\(Exhibit #1\)](#)

Fran McDuff addressed the Court concerning law enforcement at Sandy Beach Villa Resort Development. [\(Exhibit #2\)](#)

Jon Kane addressed the Court concerning taxation without representation for Fran McDuff. [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)

IV. MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

A. Approval of the agenda minutes from the previous regular meeting held on 02-12-2024.

Commissioner Traweek moved that the minutes of the February 12, 2024, 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 February 26, 2024, Combined Statement Of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. [\(Exhibit #4\)](#)

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.

After discussion, with Chief Deputy Sheriff James Stroope, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve the following personnel and salaries at the Sheriff's Department:

**Angela Saxton/Jailer/employed
effective 02-12-2024**

**Kailyn Johnson/Jailer/discontinued
effective 01-24-2023 ([Exhibit #5](#))**

**Martin Astorga/Jailer/employed
effective 02-08-2024**

**Dontello Brown/Jailer/discontinued
effective 12-28-2023 ([Exhibit #6](#))**

Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. Sheriff's Department Racial Profiling Report.

Chief Deputy Sheriff James Stroope submitted the Racial Profiling Report, for filing. ([Exhibit #7](#))

The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by the Sheriff's Department, for filing. [\(Exhibit #8\)](#)

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

X. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

- A. Consideration and possible approval of signing updated MOA between Brown County and FEMA IPAWS for County Alerting system. Presented by Darrell Johnston, Emergency Management Coordinator.**

Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve a Memorandum Of Agreement Between Brown County and the Federal Emergency Management Agency Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) Program Management Office regarding the use of Brown County Interoperable System(s) and IPAWS OPEN Platform for Emergency Networks (IPAWS-OPEN). Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #9\)](#)

B. Consideration and possible approval of action regarding enrolling Brown County in the Texas Association of Counties Cybersecurity Course. Presented by Shane Britton, County Judge.

Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve Brown County's participation in the Texas Association of Counties Cybersecurity Course Enrollment for all county employees, elected officials, and appointed officials who have access to a local government computer system or database to complete an annual cybersecurity training that has been certified by the Texas Department of Information Resources. (DIR). Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #10](#))

C. Consideration and possible approval of IT Hardware Recycling. Presented by Goldsmith.

Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court authorizes Goldsmith Solutions, IT, to recycle old used Brown County hardware, as presented by David Sons from Goldsmith Solutions. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #11](#))

D. Consideration and possible action to approve an application to Install Private Lines by Brookesmith SUD in multiple locations within the ROW in the Shamrock Shores, Lamar Terrace, and Indian Trails Subdivisions in accordance with the Brookesmith SUD water line replacement project. Brown County reserves the right to approve cutting or boring at the different locations at the County's discretion. Presented by Commissioner Traweek.

Commissioner Traweek moved that an application, made by Brookesmith SUD, to install buried water lines within the rights-of-way of Shamrock Shores, Lamar Terrace, and Indian Trails Subdivisions, in Precinct #4 be approved, subject to Brown County specifications for cutting and boring roads. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #12\)](#)

XI. FINANCIAL

A. Payment of bills.

Commissioner Shaw moved that the claims, as presented by Assistant County Auditor Josie Contreras, be paid. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

[\(Exhibit #13\)](#)

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Judge Pro-Tem Kelton adjourned the Brown County Commissioners Court 9:42 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 **February 26, 2024.**

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