

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular meeting on April 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 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

II. PRAYER

Tom Washburn, Pastor of the Austin Avenue Church of Christ, 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 03-25-2024.

Commissioner Traweek moved that the minutes of the March 25, 2024, Commissioners Court meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Kelton 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 April 8, 2024, 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 March 2024 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Kelton and a second by Commissioner Shaw. The Court voted 4-0 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. [\(Exhibit #2\)](#)

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 Court authorize the Sheriff's Department a temporary transfer of employee Ashley Larrington, who is a part-time File Clerk, to work full-time until the return of Brandy Hibbs, who is on leave. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)

VIII. RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. Child Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation.

Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court adopt a Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation and proclaim April 2024 to be Child Abuse prevention Month and urge the appropriate recognition. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #4](#))

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

X. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

A. Consideration and possible approval of agreement between the Department of the Veterans Affairs (VA) and Brown County, Texas. Presented by Pat McLaughlin.

After discussion, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve an Agreement Between The Department Of Veterans Affairs (VA) And Brown County, Texas, for the Volunteer Transportation Network. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #5](#))

B. Consideration and possible approval of equipment purchase for Precinct #4. Presented by Larry Traweek, Precinct 4.

Commissioner Traweek moved that he be authorized to trade-in a John Deere tractor/shredder and purchase a new Kubota tractor/shredder, for use in Precinct #4, and be authorized to spend up to \$72,000.00 and finance the purchase at Citizens National Bank. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

C. Consideration and possible approval of application to install Private Line by Frontier Communications on CR 156, 178, Cullins Street and Line Street. Presented by Commissioner Larry Traweek, Precinct #4.

Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve an application, made by Frontier Communications, to install telephone lines within the right-of-way of County Roads #156, #178, Cullins Street, and Line Street, in Precinct #4; subject to Brown County specifications for boring a road. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #6\)](#)

D. Consideration and possible approval of purchase of a new stenograph for District Court. Presented by Tammy Watkins.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the purchase of a new stenograph for the District Court, for \$5,395.00, to be paid from the District Court Reporter Services Fund. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

E. Open bids for blasting and crushing rock.

Commissioner Kelton opened one sealed bid for blasting and crushing rock. Bid received was from:

Diamond P Aggregates, Ltd. ([Exhibit #7](#))

F. Consideration and possible approval of accepting bids for blasting and crushing rock.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court accept the one sealed bid, from Diamond P Aggregates, Ltd., for blasting and crushing rock.

(Exhibit #7)

G. Open bids for paving.

Commissioner Kelton opened two sealed bids for paving. Bids received were from:

Martin Earthworks, LLC ([Exhibit #8](#))

Mobley Construction LLC ([Exhibit #9](#))

H. Consideration and possible approval of accepting bids for paving.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court accept the two sealed bids for paving from:

Martin Earthworks, LLC ([Exhibit #8](#))

Mobley Construction LLC ([Exhibit #9](#))

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

I. Open bids for bulk hauling.

Commissioner Kelton opened five sealed bids for bulk hauling. Bids received were from:

Martin Earthworks, LLC ([Exhibit #10](#))

Vulcan Materials Company ([Exhibit #11](#))

Diamond P Aggregates, Ltd. ([Exhibit #12](#))

Mobley Construction LLC ([Exhibit #13](#))

Holland Hauling ([Exhibit #14](#))

J. Consideration and possible approval of accepting bids for bulk hauling.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court accept all five of the sealed bids for bulk hauling from:

Martin Earthworks, LLC ([Exhibit #10](#))

Vulcan Materials Company ([Exhibit #11](#))

Diamond P Aggregates, Ltd. ([Exhibit #12](#))

Mobley Construction LLC ([Exhibit #13](#))

Holland Hauling ([Exhibit #14](#))

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

K. Open bids for asphalt emulsions.

Commissioner Kelton opened three sealed bids for asphalt emulsions. Bids received were from:

Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc. ([Exhibit #15](#))

P2 Emulsions ([Exhibit #16](#))

Wright Asphalt Products Co. ([Exhibit #17](#))

L. Consideration and possible approval of accepting bids for asphalt emulsions.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court accept all three of the sealed bids for asphalt emulsions from:

Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc. ([Exhibit #15](#))

P2 Emulsions ([Exhibit #16](#))

Wright Asphalt Products Co. ([Exhibit #17](#))

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

M. Open bids for cold mix/cover stone and caliche.

Commissioner Kelton opened three sealed bids for cold mix/cover stone and caliche. Bids received were from:

Diamond P Aggregates, Ltd. ([Exhibit #18](#))

Unique Paving Materials Corp. ([Exhibit #19](#))

Vulcan Materials Company ([Exhibit #20](#))

N. Consideration and possible approval of accepting bids for cold mix/cover stone and caliche.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court accept all three of the sealed bids for cold mix/cover stone and caliche from:

Diamond P Aggregates, Ltd. ([Exhibit #18](#))

Unique Paving Materials Corp. ([Exhibit #19](#))

Vulcan Materials Company ([Exhibit #20](#))

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

XII. 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 #21](#))

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Judge Britton adjourned the Brown County Commissioners Court at 9:58 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 April 8, 2024.

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