

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special meeting on September 24, 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**

**GARY WORLEY**

**JOEL KELTON**

**WAYNE SHAW**

**LARRY TRAWEEK**

**COUNTY JUDGE**

**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1**

**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2**

**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3**

**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4**

**Also present:**

**AMBER HANLEY**

**JENNIFER ROBISON**

**JENNIFER BROUGHTON**

**CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK**

**COUNTY AUDITOR**

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**Item F: From the September 23, 2024, Commissioners Court Special Session.**

**F. Consideration and possible approval of County Attorney office space annex and lease terms for a building located at 600 North Fisk Avenue. Presented by County Attorney Jennifer Broughton.**

**After discussion with Brown County Attorney Jennifer Broughton, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve an Office Lease Agreement between Kirk Chastain and Brown County for property located at 600 North Fisk Avenue, Brownwood, TX. The property will be the new location for the Brown County Attorney's Office. The lease will be for 5 years at \$1,200.00 per month. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**(Exhibit #8 for September 23, 2024)**

**Judge Britton adjourned the Special Session at 9:09 a.m. and called the September 24, 2024, Special Session to order.**

## **II. PRAYER**

**Zach Backues, Pastor at Victory Life Church Brownwood, 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. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

##### **A. Public Hearing to Consider Brown County Government's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.**

**Judge Britton opened the public hearing on the Brown County Government's Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Proposed Brown County Budget at 9:12 a.m. and asked for questions or comments. There were none. Judge Britton closed the public hearing at 9:14 a.m. on the Brown County Government's Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Proposed Brown County Budget.**

##### **B. Public Hearing to Consider Salaries of Elected County and Precinct Officers within Brown County Government's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.**

**Judge Britton opened the public hearing on the 2024/2025 consideration of salaries of Elected County and Precinct Officers within the Brown County Government's Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget at 9:14 a.m. He asked for questions or comments. There were none. Judge Britton closed the public hearing on considering the salaries of Elected and Precinct Officers within the Brown County Government's Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget at 9:15 a.m.**

**C. Public Hearing to Consider Brown County Government's tax rate for Tax Year 2024.**

**Judge Britton opened the public hearing on the Brown County Government's Proposed Tax Rate for Tax Year 2024/2025 at 9:15 a.m. He asked for questions or comments. There were none. Judge Britton closed the public hearing on the Brown County Government's Proposed Tax Rate for Tax Year 2024/2025 at 9:16 a.m.**

**V. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:**

**A. Consideration and possible approval of Brown County Government's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.**

**Commissioner Worley moved that the Court adopt the Brown County Government's Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget. The budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$871,792.00 which is a 4.68 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$329,710.00. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion, and the Court voted as follows:**

**Shane Britton, County Judge-aye**

**Gary Worley, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye**

**Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye**

**Wayne Shaw, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye**

**Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye**

**(Exhibit #1)**

**B. Consideration and possible approval of Salaries of Elected County and Precinct Officers within Brown County Government's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.**

**Commissioner Kelton moved that the Brown County Elected County and Precinct Officers within Brown County Government's Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget will receive a 5% raise, across the board. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion, and the Court voted as follows:**

**Shane Britton, County Judge-aye**

**Gary Worley, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye**

**Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye**

**Wayne Shaw, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye**

**Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye**

**All Brown County employees received a salary increase.**

**C. Consideration and possible approval of Brown County Government's tax rate for Tax Year 2024.**

**Commissioner Worley moved that the Court adopt, by Resolution, the Brown County Government's tax rates for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 as proposed:**

<b>General Fund Rate</b>	<b>0.37702</b>
<b>Debt Service Rate</b>	<b>0.02296</b>
<b>Road and Flood Rate</b>	<b>0.07202</b>
<b>Total Tax Rate</b>	<b>0.47200</b>

**Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion, and the Court voted as follows:**

**Shane Britton, County Judge-aye**

**Gary Worley, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye**

**Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye**

**Wayne Shaw, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye**

**Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye**

**This tax rate will effectively raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's rate by 4.68%. This year's levy to fund maintenance and operations expenditures exceeds last year's maintenance and operations tax levy. ([Exhibit #2](#))**

**D. Consideration and possible approval to adopt Brown County Government's Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate for Tax 2024.**

**Commissioner Worley moved that the Court adopt the Brown County Government's Maintenance & Operations Rate for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 of 0.37702 per \$100.00 valuation. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion, and the Court voted as follows:**

**Shane Britton, County Judge-aye**

**Gary Worley, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye**

**Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye**

**Wayne Shaw, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye**

**Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye**

**(Exhibit 3)**

**E. Consideration and possible approval to adopt Brown County Government's Debt Service Tax Rate for Tax Year 2024.**

**Commissioner Worley moved that the Court adopt the Brown County Government's Debt Service Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 of 0.02296 per \$100.00 valuation. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion, and the Court voted as follows:**

**Shane Britton, County Judge-aye**

**Gary Worley, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye**

**Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye**

**Wayne Shaw, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye**

**Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye**

**(Exhibit #4)**

**F. Consideration and possible approval to adopt Brown County Government's Road & Flood Tax Rate for Tax Year 2024.**

**Commissioner Worley moved that the Court adopt the Brown County Government's Road and Flood Rate for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 of 0.07202 per \$100.00 valuation. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion, and the Court voted as follows:**

**Shane Britton, County Judge-aye**

**Gary Worley, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye**

**Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye**

**Wayne Shaw, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye**

**Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye**

**(Exhibit #5)**

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

**Judge Britton adjourned the Brown County Commissioners Court at 9:27 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.**

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**COUNTY JUDGE**

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**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1**

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**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 September 24, 2024.**

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