

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular meeting on January 27, 2025, 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
KIRK CHASTAIN
JOEL KELTON
DAVID REID
LARRY TRAWEEK**

**COUNTY JUDGE
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4**

Also present:

**SHARON FERGUSON
JOSIE CONTRERAS
JENNIFER BROUGHTON**

**COUNTY CLERK
ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR
COUNTY ATTORNEY**

II. PRAYER

Joey Wilbourn, Pastor of First Methodist Church, Brownwood, Texas, 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 was one citizen comment from Allen Andrews who asked the Commissioners to revoke the MOU, that the Commissioners Court and the town of Early, TX entered last year and decline to put the YMCA bond on the May 2025 ballot. [\(Exhibit #1\)](#)

IV. MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

A. Approval of the agenda minutes from the previous meeting(s) held on 12-23-2024, 01-06-2025, and 01-13-2025.

Commissioner Traweek moved that the minutes of the December 23, 2024, Commissioners Court meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion, and the Court voted unanimously to approve. Commissioner Kelton moved that the minutes of the January 6, 2025 and the January 13, 2025 Commissioners Court meetings be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion, and the Court voted unanimously to approve.

V. TREASURER'S AND AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

The January 27, 2025, Combined Statement Of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. [\(Exhibit #2\)](#)

VI. BURN BAN: Consider and take appropriate action to reinstate a county-wide burn ban.

After discussion, Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court sign an Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning because circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)

VII. EMPLOYEE CHANGES:

A. County Judge Office.

Judge Britton moved that the Court authorize him to hire Danielle Platt as the Brown County Grants Coordinator, beginning January 1, 2025. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #4\)](#)

B. Commissioner Larry Traweek.

Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court authorize him to give Logan Fisher, Precinct #4 Road Hand, an adjustment in his salary effective February 1, 2025. Commissioner Chastain seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #5\)](#)

C. Tax Assessor's Office.

Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court authorize the following personnel and salary changes in the Tax Assessor/Collector's Office:

**Rebekah Slonaker/Deputy Tax Assessor/Collector/hired
effective 02-03-2025**

**Beverly Steel/Deputy Tax Assessor/Collector/discontinued
effective 12-27-2024 ([Exhibit #6](#))**

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

VIII. RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. Announcement of upcoming SIM Mapping Workshop hosted by the 35th District Court and Center for Life Resources.

Brown County District Judge Mike Smith and Jonathan Harvey, Suicide Prevention Coordinator for the Center for Life Resources, announced to the Court that there will be a Sequential Intercept Model Mapping Workshop to be held February 27, 2025, and a half day on February 28, 2025 at the Brownwood Event Center at no cost. ([Exhibit #7](#))

B. Commissioner Kirk Chastain and Commissioner David Reid report on completing the Newly Elected Officials Conference.

Commissioner Precinct #1 Kirk Chastain and Commissioner Precinct #3 David Reid presented their respective Certificates of Course Completion of the Open Meetings Act and the Public Information Act to the Court for filing. (Chastain...[Exhibit #8](#) and [Exhibit #9](#))

(Reid...[Exhibit #10](#) and [Exhibit #11](#))

C. Continuing Education Hours for County Clerk and District Clerk. Presented by Sharon Ferguson.

County Clerk Sharon Ferguson presented Certificates of Completion of the required 20 hours of continuing Education for 2024 for Brown County Clerk Sharon Ferguson and Brown County District Clerk Cheryl Jones. ([Exhibit # 12...Sharon Ferguson](#)) ([Exhibit #13...Cheryl Jones](#))

Lisa Dick, Senior Citizens and Health Director of the Brownwood/Brown County Health Department invited the public to an Open House, for the Health Department on January 29, 2025.

[\(Exhibit #14\)](#)

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

X. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

- A. Consideration and possible approval of memorandum of understanding between the City of Brownwood and Brown County for Emergency Management Service. Presented by Judge Shane Britton.**

After discussion, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve a Memorandum Of Understanding Between the City Of Brownwood And Brown County For Emergency Management Services beginning January 14, 2025 and extending for (6) six months ending on July 14, 2025 for the City to provide Eric Hicks City Emergency Manager to perform Emergency Management Services at the rate of \$56.41 per hour for eight hours of work per week for Brown County. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #15\)](#)

- B. Consideration and possible approval of signing a Resolution and thus entering an advance funding agreement for Local Government Maintenance of Railroad Crossings on CR 271 in Zephyr. Presented by Judge Shane Britton.**

After discussion, Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court approve a Resolution Authorizing Advance Funding Agreement For Local Government Maintenance Of Railroad Crossing Approaches (Off-System) for the maintenance of railroad crossing signs and pavement markings installed on at County Road #271, in Precinct #3. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #16\)](#)

C. Consideration and possible approval of the destruction of Computer Equipment by Goldsmith Solutions. Presented by the Auditors Office.

After discussion, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve a request from Goldsmith Solutions Information Technology Solutions for Hard Drive Destruction. Commissioner Chastain seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #17](#))

D. Discussion and possible approval of action regarding Road Boss Deputy with Jail Crews for all County Precincts. Presented by Commissioner Joel Kelton.

After discussion with Sheriff Vance Hill, Commissioner Kelton moved that two jail work crews will be shared by all four Precincts. Precinct #1 and Precinct #3 will share a jail crew and costs and Precinct #2, and Precinct #4 will share a jail crew and costs. Commissioner Chastain seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

E. Consideration and possible approval to purchase emergency radio app Tango Tango. Presented by Sheriff Vance Hill.

After discussion with Sheriff Vance Hill Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court authorize Sheriff Hill to purchase an emergency radio application called Tango Tango. This is a cell phone-based application that makes a cell phone operate like a portable radio, etc. Sheriff Hill informed the Court that he will pay the fee from the Sheriff's Inmate Phone Service Fund. The fee is \$10,485.00 for (3) three years' service with unlimited users and this will include all fire departments.

Commissioner Reid 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. [\(Exhibit #18\)](#)

XI. FINANCIAL

A. Payment of bills.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the claims, as presented by Brown County Assistant County Auditor Josie Contreras, be paid. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #19\)](#)

XI1. ADJOURNMENT

Judge Britton adjourned the Brown County Commissioners Court at 10:18 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 _____, 2025.

COUNTY JUDGE

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

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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 January 27, 2025.

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