

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular meeting on May 19, 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	COUNTY JUDGE
KIRK CHASTAIN	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1
JOEL KELTON	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2
DAVID REID	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3
LARRY TRAWEEK	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

Also present:

SHARON FERGUSON	COUNTY CLERK
JENNIFER ROBISON	COUNTY AUDITOR
JENNIFER BROUGHTON	COUNTY ATTORNEY (absent)

II. PRAYER

David Long, from Shiloh Bible Church in San Saba County, 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.

None.

IV. MINUTES OF MEETINGS:

A. Approval of the agenda minutes from the previous meeting(s) held on 05/05/2025.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the minutes of May 5, 2025, Commissioners Court meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Traweck 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 May 19, 2025, Combined Statement Of Cash Position was presented by the Brown County Treasurer's Office, for filing.

(Exhibit #1)

B. End of Year Investment Report for 2024.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the Brown County Investment Report for the Fourth Quarter of 2024. Commissioner Chastain seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

(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. County Elections Office.

After discussion with Brenda Arp, Brown County Elections Administrator, Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court authorize the personnel change and salary at the Elections Office:

**Sharilyn Tomme/Deputy Registrar/employed
part-time at \$14.50 per hour beginning 05-17-2025
Sharon Riker/Deputy Registrar/discontinued
effective 05-14-2025 (Exhibit #3)**

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

B. Sheriff's Department.

After discussion with Sheriff Vance Hill, Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court authorize the following personnel change and salary at the Sheriff's Department:

Shelby Williams/Jailer/employed

effective 04-21-2025

Douglas Fenton/Jailer/discontinued

effective 03-12-2025 ([Exhibit #4](#))

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

VIII. RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

None.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

X. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

A. Discussion and possible action to update the Road Use Agreement and Bond with Bahia Pipeline, LLC. Presented by Precinct 2 Commissioner, Joel Kelton.

After discussion, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the updated Road Use Addendum between Bahia Pipeline, LLC and Brown County. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #5](#))

B. Consideration and possible approval to reappoint Bart Johnson to the Brown County Hospital Authority Board. Presented by Bart Johnson and Ryan Reagan.

Judge Britton moved that the Court approve the re-appointment of Bart Johnson to the Brown County Hospital Authority Board. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

C. Consideration and possible approval to appoint Ryan Reagan to the Brown County Hospital Authority Board to fill the current vacancy. Presented by Bart Johnson and Ryan Reagan.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the appointment of Ryan Reagan to fill the vacancy on the Brown County Hospital Authority Board due to the death of board member Bert Massey, III. Commissioner Chastain seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

D. Consideration and possible approval of the purchase of a cargo van for use by the Brown County Sheriff's Department. Presented by Sheriff Vance Hill.

After discussion with Sheriff Vance Hill, Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court authorized the Sheriff to purchase a 6 X 12 D Nose Cargo Trailer, from Early Trailer Sales, for \$51,002.50. The expenditure will be made from the Sheriff's Inmate Telephone Fund. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

E. Discussion and possible action to approval of a county buy-back program for employees of the Brown County Sheriff's Department. Presented by Sheriff Vance Hill.

After discussion with Sheriff Vance Hill, Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court authorize the Sheriff to create a Personal Firearm Purchase Program Memorandum of Understanding for employees of the Brown County Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #6\)](#)

The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by the Sheriff's Department, for filing. [\(Exhibit #7\)](#)

F. Discussion of officer safety issues concerning radio congestion on the Brown County radio frequency. Presented by Sheriff Vance Hill.

After discussion with Sheriff Vance Hill, no action was taken.

G. Consideration and possible approval of an amendment to the contract with Tyler Technologies to add the County Clerk's Vital Statistics and Recording. Presented by Sharon Ferguson, County Clerk.

After discussion with County Clerk Sharon Ferguson, no action was taken.

H. Discussion and possible approval of the 2025 Indigent Defense Grant Program Resolution.

This item was approved in a previous meeting.

I. Consideration and possible approval of request by Winchell and Bangs VFD to add additional radios to County Radio Contract. Presented by Shane Britton, County Judge.

After discussion with Winchell Fire Chief Steve Adams and Brownwood Fire Chief Eric Hicks, no action was taken.

XI. FINANCIAL

A. Payment of bills.

Commissioner Chastain moved that the claims, as presented by Brown County Auditor Jennifer Robison, be paid. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #8\)](#)

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Judge Britton adjourned the Brown County Commissioners' Court at 10:13 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

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 May 19, 2025.

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