

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular meeting on August 4, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' 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
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

II. PRAYER

Pastor Dennis Williams, from Northridge Baptist Church, 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. BURN BAN: Consider and take appropriate action in regards to the county-wide burn ban.

After discussion, no action was taken. The burn ban remains lifted.

V. EMPLOYEE CHANGES:

A. Commissioner Kirk Chastain, Pct. 1

Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court authorize him to hire Darrin Layman as a road hand for Precinct #1. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #1\)](#)

VI. RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. Presenting Training Hours-Christine Pentecost, Tax Assessor Collector.

Christine Pentecost, Brown County Tax Assessor-Collector submitted her 2024-2025 Continuing Education Transcript, for filing. The Court approved them with a motion from Commissioner Kelton and a second by Commissioner Reid. ([Exhibit #2](#))

Brenda Arp, Brown County Elections Administrator, informed the Court that VOTEC, who Brown County Elections uses to provide election administration and voter registration services, will be closing their doors. Mrs. Arp said she will be looking for a new vendor to provide these services. ([Exhibit #3](#))

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

VIII. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

- A. Consideration and possible approval of Application to install a Private Line on CR 133 by Brookesmith SUD. Presented by Commissioner Larry Traweek Pct. 4.**

Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve an application, made by Brookesmith SUD to install a buried line within the right-of-way of County Road #133, in Precinct #4; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #4](#))

- B. Consideration and possible approval to request (RFP) for inmate phone system. Presented by Sheriff Vance Hill.**

After discussion with Captain Les Karnes, Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court authorized the Sheriff's Department to request proposals for the Inmate Telephone System. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #5](#))

- C. Consideration and possible approval of the Second Quarter 2025 Investment Report. Presented by David Beckett.**

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the Brown County Second Quarter of 2025 Investment Report as presented by the Treasurer's Office. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #6](#))

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Commissioners' Court may convene into closed executive session in the Commissioners' Courtroom, pursuant to Section 551.071 and 551.0724 of the Texas Government Code and may discuss the following:

Item 1: Discussion with Attorney and Deliberation Regarding Real Property.

No action was taken. The Court did not convene into Executive Session.

X. FINANCIAL

A. Payment of bills.

Commissioner Chastain moved that the claims, as presented by Brown County Auditor Jennifer Robison, be paid. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #7](#))

XXI. Adjournment

Judge Pro-Tem Kelton adjourned the Brown County Commissioners' Court at 9:20 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.



I, Sharon Ferguson, Brown County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners Court's authorized proceedings for **August 4, 2025.**

Sharon Ferguson

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