

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular meeting on August 18, 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 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

II. PRAYER

Sharon Ferguson 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:

None.

VI. RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. Employee Retirement Recognition, Presented by Sheriff Vance Hill.

Sheriff Hill presented awards to Valton Posey and Ricky Belvin, two Deputies who will be retiring soon. The Court congratulated them on their years of service to Brown County.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

VIII. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

- A. Consideration and possible approval of a date for a public hearing to consider the budget for FY2025/2026.**

After discussion, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court set the date of September 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the public hearing to consider the budget for the FY 2025/2025. Commissioner Chastain seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

- B. Consideration and possible approval of a date for the adoption of a budget for the FY2025/2026.**

After discussion, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court set the date of September 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., or someday thereafter, to consider the adoption of the budget for FY 2025/2025. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

- C. Consideration and possible approval of a date for a public hearing to consider the tax rate for Tax Year 2025.**

After discussion, Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court set the date of September 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the public hearing to consider the tax rate for Tax Year 2025. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

D. Consideration and possible approval of a date for the adoption of a tax rate for Tax Year 2025.

After discussion, Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court set the date of September 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for the adoption of a tax rate for Tax Year 2025. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

E. Consideration and possible approval of calling an Order of Special Election to be held on November 4th, 2025. Presented by Brenda Arp, Elections Administrator.

After discussion with Brown County Elections Administrator Brenda Arp, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the Order Of Special Election to be held November 4, 2025, for 17 Constitutional Amendments, Brownwood ISD Trustee Place 6, and City of Bangs Special Tax Increase. Commissioner Chastain seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #1\)](#)

F. Discussion and possible action regarding a new poll pad system for Elections. Presented by Brenda Arp, Elections Administrator.

After discussion with Brown County Elections Administrator Brenda Arp, no action was taken.

G. Consideration and possible approval of the appointment and acceptance of presiding and new Judges for elections during the 2025-2026 season.

After discussion, no action was taken.

Judge Britton recessed the Regular Session at 9:28 a.m. to convene into Executive Session.

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.

Judge Britton recessed the Executive Session and called the Regular Session back to order at 10:07 a.m.

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 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #2](#))

XXI. Adjournment

Judge Britton adjourned the Brown County Commissioners' Court at 10:23 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 18, 2025](#).

Sharon Ferguson

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