

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular meeting on August 25, 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
JOSIE CONTRERAS	ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR
JENNIFER BROUGHTON	COUNTY ATTORNEY

II. PRAYER

Marcus Wasson, Pastor of Church of the Living God, 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. District Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize the following personnel changes in the District Clerk's Office:

**Elvia Rodriguez/Deputy District Clerk/employed
effective 08-08-2025**

**Lisa Villarreal/Deputy District Clerk/discontinued
effective 04-09-2025 ([Exhibit #1](#))**

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

B. Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize the following personnel changes in the Sheriff's Department:

Paul Coghlan/Jailer/PT Kitchen/employed

effective 08-04-2025

Bargara Beam/Jailer/PT Kitchen/discontinued

effective 09-16-2023 [\(Exhibit #2\)](#)

Colby Roberts/Jailer/employed

effective 08-21-2025

Isaiah Jenkins/Jailer/discontinued

effective 05-18-2025 [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)

Colton Moore/Jailer/employed

effective 08-20-2025

Martin Astorga/Jailer/discontinued

effective 03-26-2025 [\(Exhibit #4\)](#)

Larry Owings/MHMR Deputy/employed

effective 08-04-2025 [\(Exhibit #5\)](#)

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. [\(Exhibit #6\)](#)

VI. RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

None.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

VIII. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

- A. Discussion of issues concerning County Road 310. Sponsored by Commissioner David Reid, Pct. 3.**

After discussion, with Dean Clements, no action was taken.

- B. Discussion and possible approval of the appointment of an Emergency Management Coordinator. Presented by Shane Britton.**

Judge Britton recommended, to the Court, Mr. Cliff Karnes for the position of Emergency Management Coordinator. After discussion, Judge Britton moved the Court to appoint Cliff Karnes as the Brown County Emergency Management Coordinator. Commissioner Chastain seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #7](#))

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:

Section 551.071-Consultation with Attorney

Section 551.074-Personnel Matters

The Court did not convene into Executive Session.

X. Action as a result of the Executive Session.

Court may take any action necessary as a result of the Executive Session.

No action.

XI. FINANCIAL

A. Payment of bills.

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

XXI. Adjournment

Judge Britton adjourned the Brown County Commissioners' Court at 9:51 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 25, 2025.

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