

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular meeting on September 2, 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:**

<b>SHANE BRITTON</b>	<b>COUNTY JUDGE</b>
<b>KIRK CHASTAIN</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1</b>
<b>JOEL KELTON</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2</b>
<b>DAVID REID</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3</b>
<b>LARRY TRAWEEK</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4</b>

**Also present:**

<b>SHARON FERGUSON</b>	<b>COUNTY CLERK</b>
<b>JENNIFER ROBISON</b>	<b>COUNTY AUDITOR</b>
<b>JENNIFER BROUGHTON</b>	<b>COUNTY ATTORNEY</b>

**II. PRAYER**

**Charlie Tenaar, Pastor of Victory Life Church, Brownwood, TX, 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, the Commissioner's Court finds that circumstances present in all or parts of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning. Judge Britton signed an Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning in the unincorporated area of the county for 90 days unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Commissioners Court or the County Judge based on a determination that the circumstances that required the Order no longer exist.**

**[\(Exhibit #1\)](#)**

**V. EMPLOYEE CHANGES:**

**None.**

**VI. RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**None.**

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**VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**None.**

**VIII. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:**

**A. Consideration and possible approval of the KnowInk Proposal for Elections. Presented by Brenda Arp, Elections Administrator. After discussion with Brown County Election's Administrator Brenda Arp, Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court approve the purchase of election support hardware/software from KNOWiNK and HART Intercivic for the Elections Office. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**(Exhibit #2 and Exhibit #3)**

**B. Consideration and possible approval of Application to install a private line on County Road 132 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 water line within the right-of-way of County Road #132, in Precinct #4, subject to Brown County specifications. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #4)**

**C. Consideration and possible approval of Application to install a private line on County Road 136 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 water line within the right-of-way of County Road #136, in Precinct #4, subject to Brown County specifications for boring a road. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**(Exhibit #5)**

**D. Consideration and possible approval of Application to install a private line on County Road 136 by Oncor. Presented by Larry Traweek, Pct. 4.**

**Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve an application made by Oncor Power Delivery to install a buried line within the right-of-way of County Road #136, in Precinct #4, subject to Brown County specifications for boring a road. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**(Exhibit #6)**

**E. Consideration and possible approval of Application to install a private line on County Road 533 by Brookesmith SUD. Presented by Commissioner Kirk Chastain, Pct. 1.**

**Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court approve an application made by Brookesmith SUD to install a buried water line within the right-of-way of County Road #533, in Precinct #1, subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**(Exhibit #7)**

**F. Consideration and possible approval to open bids for the Brown County Sheriff's Department Inmate Telephone System. Presented by Les Karnes.**

**Captain Les Karnes opened six bids for the Brown County Sheriff's Inmate Telephone System. The bids were from:**

- 1. Prodigy Solutions (Exhibit #8)**
- 2. Crown Correctional Telephone (Exhibit #9)**
- 3. ICSolutions (Exhibit #10)**
- 4. Smart Communications (Exhibit #11)**
- 5. City-Tele-Coin aka CTC (Exhibit #12)**
- 6. NCIC Correctional Services (Exhibit #13)**

**G. Discussion and possible approval of accepting a bid for the Brown County Sheriff's Department Inmate Telephone System. Presented by Les Karnes.**

**After discussion, no action was taken.**

**Judge Britton recessed the Regular Session to convene into Executive Session at 9:35 a.m.**

**IX. 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**

**X. Action as a result of the Executive Session.**

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

**No action was taken.**

**Judge Britton recessed the Executive Session to reconvene the Regular Session at 9:55 a.m.**

**XI. FINANCIAL**

**A. Payment of bills.**

**No action.**

**XXI. Adjournment**

**Judge Britton adjourned the Commissioners Court at**

**9:56 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 September 2, 2025.

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