

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular meeting on September 8, 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**

**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.**

**There was one citizen comment. Arleace Green, from the U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience informed the Court on programs that could be available if needed.**

**(Exhibit #1)**

**IV. BURN BAN: Consider and take appropriate action in regards to the county-wide burn ban.**

**After discussion, the county-wide burn ban remains in effect.**

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**V. EMPLOYEE CHANGES:**

**None.**

**VI. RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**None.**

## **VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

### **A. Public hearing to consider Brown County's FY 25/26 Budget.**

**Judge Britton opened the public hearing on the Brown County Government's Fiscal Year Proposed Brown County Budget and asked for questions or comments. There were none. Judge Britton closed the public hearing to consider the Brown County Government's Fiscal Year Proposed Brown County Budget.**

### **B. Public hearing to consider Brown County elected official's salaries for FY 25/26.**

**Judge Britton opened the public hearing for FY 2025/2026 consideration of salaries of Elected County and Precinct Officers within the Brown County Government's Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget. He asked for questions or comments. There were none. Judge Britton closed the public hearing on considering the salaries of Elected and Precinct Officers within the Brown County Government's Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget.**

### **C. Public hearing to consider Brown County's tax rate for Tax Year 2025.**

**Judge Britton opened the public hearing on the Brown County Government's Proposed Tax Rate for Tax Year 2025/2026. He asked for questions or comments. There were none. Judge Britton closed the public hearing and informed the Court that the Court will reconvene at 6:00 P.M. this date for another public hearing on the Brown County FY 2025/2026 Proposed Tax Rate.**

**D. Preservation and Restoration of County Clerk Record Archival Fee.**

**Judge Britton opened the public hearing on the County Clerk Archive Plan For Preservation and Restoration of Archived Records for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. He asked for questions or comments. There were none. Judge Britton closed the public hearing on the County Clerk Archive Plan For Preservation and Restoration of Archived Records for FY 2025/2025.**

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

**A. Consideration and possible approval of Brown County's FY 25/26 Budget. The Court reconvened at 6:00 P.M. to consider the Brown County FY 2025/2026 Budget. After discussion, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court adopt the Brown County Government's Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget. This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$1,215,011.00 which is a 6.42 increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$288,935.00. Commissioner Chastain seconded the motion, and the Court voted as follows:**

**Shane Britton, County Judge-aye**

**Kirk Chastain, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye**

**Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye**

**David Reid, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye**

**Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye**

**(Exhibit #2)**

**B. Consideration and possible approval of Brown County elected official's salaries for FY 25/26.**

**Commissioner Reid moved that the Brown County Elected County and Precinct Officers within Brown County Government's Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget will receive a 5% raise, across the board. Commissioner Chastain seconded the motion, and the Court voted as follows:**

**Shane Britton, County Judge-aye**

**Kirk Chastain, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye**

**Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye**

**David Reid, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye**

**Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye**

**All Brown County employees received a salary increase.**

**C. Consideration and possible approval of Brown County's tax rate for Tax Year 2025.**

**Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court adopt, by Resolution, the Brown County Government's tax rates for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 as proposed:**

<b>General Fund Rate</b>	<b>0.39624</b>
<b>Debt Service Rate</b>	<b>0.02385</b>
<b>Road and Flood Rate</b>	<b>0.07473</b>
<b>Total Tax Rate</b>	<b>0.49482</b>

**Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted as follows:**

**Shane Britton, County Judge-aye**

**Kirk Chastain, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye**

**Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye**

**David Reid, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye**

**Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye**

**This tax rate will effectively raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's rate by 4.83%. This year's levy to fund maintenance and operations expenditures exceeds last year's maintenance and operations tax levy. [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)**

**D. Consideration and possible approval to adopt Brown County's Maintenance & Operation Tax Rate for Tax Year 2025.**

**Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court adopt the Brown County Government's Maintenance & Operations Rate for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 of 0.39624 per \$100.00 valuation. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion, and the Court voted as follows:**

**Shane Britton, County Judge-aye**

**Kirk Chastain, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye**

**Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye**

**David Reid, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye**

**Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye**

**[\(Exhibit #4\)](#)**

**E. Consideration and possible approval to adopt Brown County's Debt Service Tax Rate for Tax Year 2025.**

**Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court adopt the Brown County Government's Debt Service Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 of 0.02385 per \$100.00 valuation. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion, and the Court voted as follows:**

**Shane Britton, County Judge-aye**

**Kirk Chastain, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye**

**Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye**

**David Reid, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye**

**Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye**

**(Exhibit #5)**

**F. Consideration and possible approval to adopt Brown County's Road & Flood Tax Rate for Tax Year 2025.**

**Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court adopt the Brown County Government's Road and Flood Rate for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 of 0.07473 per \$100.00 valuation. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion, and the Court voted as follows:**

**Shane Britton, County Judge-aye**

**Kirk Chastain, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye**

**Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye**

**David Reid, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye**

**Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye**

**(Exhibit #6)**

**G. Consideration and possible approval of action regarding the County Clerks Preservation and Restoration Record Archival Fee. Presented by Sharon Ferguson, County Clerk.**

**Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court sign an order to approve the County Clerk's Preservation and Restoration Record Archival Fee for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #7](#))**

**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. The Court did not convene into Executive Session.**

## **XI. FINANCIAL**

### **A. Payment of bills.**

**Commissioner Traweek 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](#))**

## **XXI. Adjournment**

**Judge Britton recessed the Commissioners' Court at 9:39 a.m. until 6:00 P.M. on this date.**

### **Adjournment**

**Judge Britton adjourned the Commissioners Court at 6:20 P.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 8, 2025.

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