

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular meeting on July 6, 2026, 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.

Acting Brown County Judge Munson declared a Quorum and called the meeting to order.

Members of the Court present were:

SHANE BRITTON	absent	COUNTY JUDGE
THOMAS A MUNSON		ACTING 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	INTERIM COUNTY AUDITOR
JENNIFER BROUGHTON	COUNTY ATTORNEY

II. PRAYER

Tony King, Pastor of First Baptist Church Lake Brownwood, Texas, led the Court in the invocation.

III. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Acting Brown County Judge Tom Munson.

IV. 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.

V. REPORTS FROM COUNTY DEPARTMENTS:

The Combined Statement Of Cash Position, for July 6, 2026, was filed for record by David Beckett, Brown County Treasurer. [\(Exhibit #1\)](#)

VI. EMPLOYEE CHANGES

a. David Reid, Commissioner Precinct 3.

Commissioner Reid moved that the Court approve to hire Mike Ramon as a part time road hand for Precinct #3 effective July 6, 2026. Commissioner Trawick seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

[\(Exhibit #2\)](#)

b. Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve a salary increase for Zonder Easterling, road hand for Precinct #2 effective July 1, 2026. Commissioner Chastain seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)

VII. BURN BAN: Consider and take appropriate action regarding the county-wide burn ban.

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

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

- a. Consideration and possible approval for the destruction of elections VOTEC equipment. Presented by Brenda Arp, Elections Administrator.**

After discussion with Brown County Elections Administrator Brenda Arp, Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court approve the destruction of all parts of the elections VOTEC equipment that is not usable. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #4](#))

- b. Consideration and possible approval to remove broken ice machine and install replacement for Precinct 1 barn. Presented by Kirk Chastain, Commissioner Precinct 1.**

Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court authorize him to purchase a replacement ice machine for \$7,200.00, from Frost Air, for the Precinct #1 barn. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

- c. Consideration and possible approval of a paving bid from Blackhawk Services for a portion of CR 334. Presented by David Reid, Commissioner Precinct 3.**

Commissioner Reid moved that the Court approve a bid, of \$14,750.00, from Blackhawk Services LLC for paving 11,800 square feet of County Road #334, in Precinct #3. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve with Commissioner Traweek abstaining. ([Exhibit #5](#))

- d. **Consideration and possible approval of Application to Install a Private Line on CR 306 by Zephyr WSC. Presented by David Reid, Commissioner Precinct 3.**

Commissioner Reid moved that the Court approve an Application, made by Zephyr WSC, to Install a Private Line within the right-of-way of County Road #306, in Precinct #3; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #6\)](#)

- e. **Consideration and possible approval of action regarding Brown County Employee health care coverage renewal through the Texas Association of Counties for FY 26-27.**

After discussion, Acting Judge Munson moved that the Court approve Texas Association of Counties Health And Employee Benefits Pool Medical Plan Option 3/Plan 1520-NG/RX-5B-NG, for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Brown County Health Insurance Renewal for employees. Commissioner Chastain seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #7\)](#)

- f. **Consideration and possible approval of action regarding adoption of a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA). Presented by Tom Munson, Acting County Judge.**

After discussion, Acting Judge Munson moved that the Court authorize him to pursue a contract, with Higginbotham, regarding the adoption of a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA), for Brown County employees, as is laid out in the handout that was provided, to the Court, and is listed as Exhibit #8 to these minutes. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #8\)](#)

IX. FINANCIAL: Payment of bills.

Commissioner Chastain moved that the claims, as presented by Interim Brown County Auditor Josie Contreras, be approved. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #9](#))

Acting Brown County Judge Tom Munson recessed the Regular Session of the Commissioners' Court to convene into Executive Session at 9:42 a.m.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Commissioners' Court may convene into a closed executive session in the Commissioners' Courtroom; pursuant to provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in the following sections:

Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters

XI. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Consideration of possible action from Executive Session.

No action was taken.

Acting Brown County Judge Tom Munson called the Commissioners' Court Regular Session back to order at 10:11 a.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Acting Brown County Judge Munson adjourned the Commissioners' Court at 10:12 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 July 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

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