

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular meeting on July 20, 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.

Judge Pro-Tem Kelton declared a Quorum and called the meeting to order.

Members of the Court present were:

SHANE BRITTON	absent	COUNTY JUDGE
THOMAS A MUNSON	absent	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:

AMBER HANLEY	CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK
JOSIE CONTRERAS	INTERIM COUNTY AUDITOR
JENNIFER BROUGHTON	COUNTY ATTORNEY

II. PRAYER

Michael Rosales, from Revolution Church, in Early, 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 Judge Pro-Tem Kelton.

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:

a. Treasurer's/Auditor's Report June 2026

The Total Of Funds Under The Care & Custody Of Brown County Treasurer And Auditor's Report for June 2026 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Reid and a second by Commissioner Traweek. The Court voted 4-0 to approve. An Affidavit, with the Report attached, was signed and prepared for publication, according to Section 114.026 of the Texas Local Government Code. [\(Exhibit #1\)](#)

b. 2nd Quarter 2026 Investment Report

Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court approve the Brown County Investment Report for the First Quarter of 2026. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #2\)](#)

c. Tax Assessor/Collector's Continuing Education Certificate of Completion.

Christine Pentecost, Brown County Tax Assessor-Collector, presented her completed Continuing Education Transcript, for filing. [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)

VI. RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Resolution in Support of the Sheriff Immigration Law Enforcement Grant Program – Senate Bill 8 Application. Presented by Vance Hill, Sheriff.**

After discussion with Sheriff Vance Hill, Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court adopt a Resolution In Support Of The Sheriff Immigration Law Enforcement Grant Program – Senate Bill 8 Application. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

(Exhibit #4)

VII. EMPLOYEE CHANGES

- a. **David Reid, Commissioner Precinct 3**

Commissioner Reid moved that the Court approve the following salary change for an employee that has completed his 6-month probation period, in Precinct #3:

David Shirley/Road Hand/salary increase

effective 08-03-2026 (Exhibit #5)

Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

- b. **Micheal Murray, District Attorney**

Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court approve the following personnel change in the District Attorney's Office:

Kelli Palmarozzi/Asst D.A./employed

effective 07-15-2026

Kara Landers/Asst D.A./discontinued (Exhibit #6)

Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

District Attorney Micheal Murray asked the Court to include the Victim Assistant Coordinator grant position as a permanent Brown County employee position. No action was taken.

c. Vance Hill, Sheriff

Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve the following personnel change in the Sheriff's Department:

Lesli Tucker/Deputy/employed

effective 07-06-2026-Graduated from Academy-moved from Cadet status

Hayden Donahoo/Deputy/discontinued

effective 07-06-2026 ([Exhibit #7](#))

The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by the Sheriff's Department, for filing. ([Exhibit #8](#))

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

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

IX. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

- a. Consideration and possible approval of Application to Install Private Line on CR 292 by Zephyr Water Supply Corporation. Presented by David Reid, Commissioner Precinct 3.**

Commissioner Reid moved that the Court approve an application, made by Zephyr Water Supply Corporation, to install a buried water line within the right-of-way of County Road #292, in Precinct #3;subject to Brown County specifications for boring a road. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #9](#))

- b. Consideration and possible approval to authorize the Treasurer to open a checking account at TexasBank for the Rural Ambulance Service Grant. Presented by David Beckett, Treasurer.**

After discussion with Brown County Treasurer David Beckett, Commissioner Trawick moved that the Court authorizes Mr. Beckett to open an interest-bearing checking account at TexasBank under the name of the Rural Ambulance Service Grant Fund and only the County Treasurer and the County Auditor be authorized signatures on the account. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

- c. Consideration and possible approval of MASA as a voluntary employee deduction for air ambulance services. Presented by David Beckett, Treasurer.**

Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court approve Medical Access & Service Advantage (MASA) as an option for voluntary employee deductions for Emergency Transportation protection for land and air ambulance service. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion, and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. Commissioner Reid abstained. ([Exhibit #10](#))

- d. Consideration and possible approval to discontinue AirEvac as a voluntary employee deduction for air ambulance services. Presented by David Beckett, Treasurer.**

After discussion with David Beckett, Brown County Treasurer and Bobby Brinson, from AirEvac, no action was taken.

- e. Consideration and possible approval to discontinue GlobeLife as a voluntary employee deduction. Presented by David Beckett, Treasurer.**

After discussion with David Beckett, Brown County Treasurer and Lisa Blanton, Agency Director for Globe Life Insurance, no action was taken.

- f. **Consideration and possible approval to change or amend the regular meeting dates of the Brown County Commissioner's Court calendar for August and September. Presented by Joel Kelton, County Judge Pro-Tem.**

Commissioner Reid moved that the Court amend the regular meeting dates of the Brown County Commissioner's Court calendar for August and September by meeting every Monday, during budget, for those two months, except September 7, 2026, which is a holiday. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #11](#))

- g. **Consideration and possible approval of appointment to fill the unexpired term of Mike Isbell, Constable, Precinct 4. Presented by Larry Traweck, Commissioner Precinct 4.**

Commissioner Traweck moved that the Court approve the appointment of Harold Q. Thomas as Constable Precinct 4 to finish the unexpired term of Mike Isabell, who resigned. Mr. Thomas will begin work when he has secured a bond and taken the Oath of Office. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #12](#) and [Exhibit #13](#))

- h. **Consideration and possible approval to execute Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Early and Brown County for fire marshal investigative services. Presented by Joel Kelton, County Judge Pro-Tem.**

Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court sign an Order Of The Brown County Commissioners Court Approving And Authorizing A Memorandum Of Understanding Between Brown County And The City Of Early, Texas For Fire Marshal Investigative Services; And Providing An Effective Date which will be July 20, 2026. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #14](#))

- i. Consideration and possible approval of Tarrant County Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation Hospital Revenue Bonds (Hendrick Medical Center) Series 2026 (the “Bonds”). Presented by Joel Kelton, County Judge Pro-Tem.**

After discussion with John Leatherberry, no action was taken.

- j. Consideration and possible approval of signing the Award Statement for the Court Liaison Pilot Program Grant. Presented by Cliff Karnes, Grants Administrator.**

Commissioner Reid moved that the Court sign the Statement Of Grant Award Judicial Commission On Mental Health Grant Program FY 2027-2028, for the Court Liaison Pilot Program Grant, to place it on file with the Grant Administrator for Brown County to receive reimbursements for authorized expenditures. Commissioner Chastain seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #15](#))

- k. Consideration and possible approval of Interlocal Agreement between the Regional Public Defender’s Office and Brown County. Presented by Jennifer Broughton, County Attorney.**

No action.

X. FINANCIAL: Payment of bills.

Commissioner Chastain moved that the claims, as presented by Interim Brown County Auditor Josie Contreras, be approved. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #16](#))

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Judge Pro-Tem Kelton adjourned the Commissioners’ Court at 10:37 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 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

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