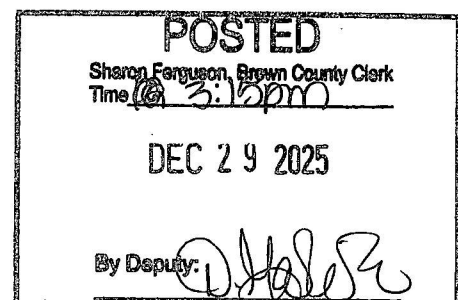




Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Brown County Commissioners Court shall be held at 9:00 a.m. on January 5th, 2026, in the Brown County Courthouse at 200 South Broadway, Brownwood Texas, 76801 and shall continue thereafter until such business of the Court has been completed in accordance with Article 81.005 of the Local Government Code of the State of Texas. The following items of business will be discussed, to-wit:

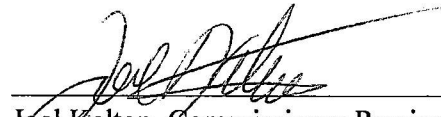
- I. DECLARE A QUORUM AND CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- II. PRAYER: Keith Platte from First Baptist Church Brownwood
- III. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: All speakers will be required to adhere to the rules of procedure, conduct and decorum adopted by the Court on August 12, 2019. Any disruptive, abusive, obscene, or disrespectful behavior will be terminated immediately. All Presentations are subject to a five (5) minute time limit. Multiple person groups will be limited to one speaker.
- IV. REPORTS FROM COUNTY DEPARTMENTS:
 - a. Announcement of award from Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham presented to Don King, County Surveyor.
- V. EMPLOYEE CHANGES:
 - a. Commissioner Precinct 2
- VI. BURN BAN: Consider and take appropriate action regarding the county-wide burn ban.
- VII. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:
 - a. Consideration and possible approval of the swearing in of David Beckett to fulfill the unexpired term of the County Treasurer. Presented by Commissioner Joel Kelton.
 - b. Consideration and possible approval to authorize the District Judge to renew the Lexis+ Subscription Agreement for legal research services. Presented by District Judge Mike Smith.
 - c. Consideration and possible approval for inmate housing contract with Coleman County. Presented by Sheriff Vance Hill.
- VIII. FINANCIAL: Payment of bills.
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

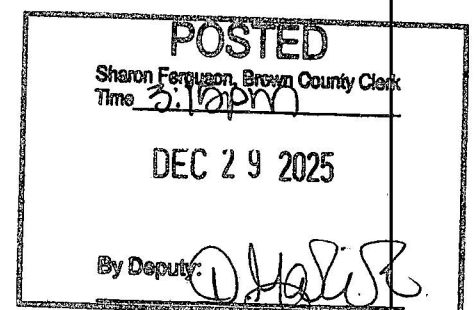


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I, Joel Kelton, County Judge Pro Tem of Brown County Texas, do certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the above named Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said notice, and that I posted said Notice on the bulletin board by the Courthouse door of Brown County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on this 29th day of December, 2025 and said Notice was to remain so posted continuously for at least three business days preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

Dated the 29th day of December, 2025


Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2
Brown County Judge Pro Tem



**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular meeting on January 5, 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
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
JENNIFER ROBISON	COUNTY AUDITOR
JENNIFER BROUGHTON	COUNTY ATTORNEY

II. PRAYER

Jerry Shields, Pastor of First Baptist Church Brownwood, Texas, led the Court in the invocation.

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS:

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None.

IV. REPORTS FROM COUNTY DEPARTMENTS:

- a. Announcement of award from Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham presented to Don King, County Surveyor.**

No action.

The Combined Statement Of Cash Position For December 2025 was presented by David Becktold, Brown County Treasurer, for filing. (Exhibit #1)

V. EMPLOYEE CHANGES:

- a. Commissioner Precinct 2.**

Commissioner Kelton moved that the following salary changes be approved in Precinct #2:

**Zander Easterling/Road Crew/salary change
effective 01-01-2026 (Exhibit #2)**

**Dennis Mwaniki/Road Crew/salary change
effective 01-01-2026 (Exhibit #3)**

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

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

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

VII. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

- a. Consideration and possible approval of the swearing in of David Beckett to fulfill the unexpired term of the County Treasurer. Presented by Commissioner Joel Kelton.**

Sharon Ferguson, Brown County Clerk, swore in David L. Beckett to fulfill the unexpired term of the Brown County Treasurer. The Court congratulated Mr. Beckett on his appointment as the newly appointed Brown County Treasurer. (Exhibit #4, Exhibit #5, and Exhibit #6)

- b. Consideration and possible approval to authorize the District Judge to renew the Lexis+ Subscription Agreement for legal research services. Presented by District Judge Mike Smith.**

After discussion, with District Judge Mike Smith, Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court approve the Subscription Amendment previously entered into between LexisNexis and Brown County. The three-year contract is for years 2025, 2026, and 2027. The fee, of \$1,749.00 per month, for 2026, will be paid from the Law Library Fund.

Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #7)

c. Consideration and possible approval for inmate housing contract with Coleman County. Presented by Sheriff Vance Hill. After discussion, with Sheriff Vance Hill, Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court approve a one-year Interlocal Cooperation Agreement For County Jail Functions between Brown County and Coleman County for Brown County to house Coleman County inmates for \$75.00 per day, when needed. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #8)

The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by the Sheriff's Department, for filing. (Exhibit #9)

VIII. FINANCIAL

A. Payment of bills.

Commissioner Chastain moved that the claims, as presented by Brown County Auditor Jennifer Robison, be approved. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #10)

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Judge Pro-Tem Kelton adjourned the Commissioners' Court at 9:17 a.m.

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I, Sharon Ferguson, Brown County Clerk, attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate accounting of the Commissioners' Court's authorized proceedings for **January 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**

Sharon Ferguson

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

