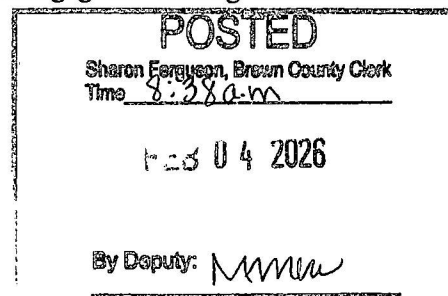




Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Brown County Commissioners Court shall be held at 9:00 a.m. on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in the Brown County Courthouse at 200 South Broadway, Brownwood Texas, 76801 and shall continue thereafter until such business of the Court has been completed 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:
- 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. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2025 Investment Report
- V. RESOLUTION AND PRESENTATIONS:
  - a. Brown County group in opposition to the proposed Dinosaur-Longshore Transmission Line.
- 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 Commissioners Court resolution to oppose the Dinosaur-Longshore Transmission Line. Presented by Joanie Fowler and Bill Henrig, and/or Dennis McBeth on behalf of Brown County group.
  - b. Consideration and possible approval of travel allotment reporting. Presented by County Auditor's Office.
  - c. Consideration and possible approval of 2025 End of Year Adjustments. Presented by County Auditor's Office.
  - d. Consideration and possible approval of agreement with Steppes Creek Consulting to purchase water by precincts. Presented by Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2.
  - e. Consideration and possible action regarding grant writing duties. Presented by Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2.
- VIII. FINANCIAL: Payment of bills.



IX. 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:

a. Section 551.071- Consultation with Attorney

X. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

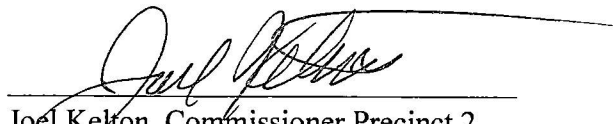
a. Consideration of possible action from Executive Session.

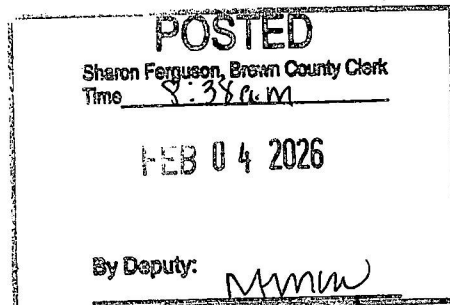
XI. ADJOURNMENT

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, 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026 and said Notice was to remain so posted continuously for at least three business days preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

Dated the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026

  
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 February 9, 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:**

|                      |               |                                     |
|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>SHANE BRITTON</b> | <b>absent</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>JOSIE CONTRERAS</b>    | <b>ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR</b> |
| <b>JENNIFER BROUGHTON</b> | <b>COUNTY ATTORNEY</b>          |

**II. PRAYER**

**Eric Jordan, Pastor of Breath of Praise Church, Brownwood, Texas, 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. REPORTS FROM COUNTY DEPARTMENTS:**

#### **a. 4<sup>TH</sup> Quarter 2025 Investment Report**

**Commissioner Reid moved that the Court approve the Brown County Investment Report for the FOURTH Quarter of 2025, ending December 31, 2025, as presented by Brown County Treasurer David Beckett. Commissioner Trawick seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #1)**

**The February 9, 2026, Combined Statement Of Cash Position was presented by Brown County Treasurer David Beckett, for filing. (Exhibit #2)**

**V. RESOLUTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**a. Brown County group in opposition to the proposed Dinosaur-Longshore Transmission Line.**

**The following citizens addressed the Court with concerns and opposition to the proposed ONCOR Dinosaur-Longshore Transmission Line:**

**Dennis McBeth (Exhibit #3)**

**Joanie Fowler**

**Bill Henrig**

**Jule Richmond**

**Travis Hounshell**

**Leanna Riffle**

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

**After discussion, Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning and that all outdoor burning is prohibited in the unincorporated area of the county. The Commissioners signed an Order Prohibiting Outdoor Burning. (Exhibit #4)**

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

- a. Consideration and possible approval of the Commissioners Court resolution to oppose the Dinosaur-Longshore Transmission Line. Presented by Joanie Fowler and Bill Henrig, and/or Dennis McBeth on behalf of Brown County group.**

**After discussion, Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court adopt a Resolution Formally Opposing The Proposed Dinosaur-Longshore 765 KV Powerline As Proposed By Oncor Corporation, And Declaring The Potential Adverse Impacts Upon The County Of Brown, Texas. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #5)**

- b. Consideration and possible approval of travel allotment reporting. Presented by County Auditor's Office.**

**No action.**

- c. Consideration and possible approval of 2025 End of Year Adjustments. Presented by County Auditor's Office.**

**Commissioner Chastin moved that the Court approve the 2025 EOY Budget Adjustments as presented by the Brown County Auditor's Office. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #6)**

- d. Consideration and possible approval of agreement with Steppes Creek Consulting to purchase water by precincts.**

**Presented by Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2.**

**After discussion, Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court approve four Bulk Non-Potable Water Supply Agreements, for additional water sources, between Steppes Creek Consulting, LLC and each Precinct, Precinct #1, Precinct #2, Precinct #3, and Precinct #4. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #7, Exhibit #8, Exhibit #9, and Exhibit #10)**

- e. Consideration and possible action regarding grant writing duties. Presented by Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2.**

**After discussion, with Emergency Management Coordinator Cliff Karnes, Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court add the Grant Administration duties to the Emergency Management duties that Mr. Karnes is currently in charge of. Mr. Karnes will receive an additional yearly stipend of \$17,000.00 per year for also being the Grant Administrator effective 02-01-2026. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #11)**

## **VIII. FINANCIAL**

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

**Commissioner Chastain moved that the claims, as presented by Brown County Assistant County Auditor Josie Contreras, be approved.**

**Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #12)**

**Judge Pro-Tem Kelton recessed the Regular Session at 9:59 a.m. to convene into Executive Session.**

**Judge Pro-Tem Kelton called the Executive Session to order at 10:00 a.m.**

**IX. 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:**

**a. Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney**

**X. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**a. Consideration of possible action from Executive Session.**

**No action was taken.**

**Judge Pro-Tem Kelton called the Regular Session back to order at 10:26 a.m.**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Judge Pro-Tem Kelton adjourned the Commissioners' Court at 10:28 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 February 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**

*Sharon Ferguson*

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

