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Sharon Ferguson, Brown County Clerk
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By Deputy:

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Brown County Commissioners Court shall be held at 9:00 a.m. on August 24th, 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. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

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 five (5) minute time limit. Multiple person groups will be limited to one speaker.

V. REPORTS FROM COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

VI. RESOLUTIONS

VII. EMPLOYEE CHANGES

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

IX. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

a. Consideration and possible approval of Order of the November Election. Presented by Stephanie Upfold, Elections Administration.
b. Consideration and possible approval of new members of the Child Welfare Board. Presented by Lisa Caldwell.
c. Consideration and possible approval to authorize the County Judge to apply for the Rural Law Enforcement Grant program for FY2026-2027 on behalf of the Sheriff's Office. Presented by Tom Munson, County Judge.
d. Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution authorizing a real property sale purchase agreement between Brown County and the City of Early. Presented by David Reid, Commissioner Precinct 3.
e. Consideration and possible approval of Road Use Agreement and bond Between Brown County and Grand Prix Pipeline. Presented by Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2.
f. Consideration and possible approval to authorize the Treasurer to open (4) checking accounts at TexasBank for Grants. Presented by David Becktold, Treasurer.
g. Consideration and possible approval of a date for a public hearing to consider the budget for FY2026/FY2027. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting County Judge.
h. Consideration and possible approval of a date for a public hearing to consider the County Clerk Record Archival Fee for FY2026/FY2027. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting County Judge.

i. Consideration and possible approval of a date for a public hearing to consider ad valorem tax rates for Tax Year 2026. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting County Judge.
j. Consideration and possible approval of a date of a date for the adoption of the budget for FY2026/FY2027. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting County Judge.
k. Consideration and possible approval of a date for the adoption of the County Clerk Record Archival Fee for FY2026/FY2027. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting County Judge.
l. Consideration and possible approval of a date for the adoption of ad valorem tax rates for Tax Year 2026. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting County Judge.

X. FINANCIAL: Payment of bills.

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, Thomas A. Munson, Acting County Judge 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 day and said Notice was to remain so posted continuously for at least three business days preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

Dated the 18th day of August, 2026

Thomas A. Munson
Acting Brown County Judge

POSTED
Sharon Ferguson, Brown County Clerk
Time 4:13 pm
AUG 18 2026
By Deputy:

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular meeting on August 24, 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**
MITCH MOORE		**COUNTY AUDITOR**
JENNIFER BROUGHTON		**COUNTY ATTORNEY** **absent**

II. PRAYER

Dax Garlinghouse, Pastor of Midtown Church, 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:

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None.

V. REPORTS FROM COUNTY DEPARTMENTS:

The Combined Statement Of Cash Position, for August 24, 2026, was filed for record by David Becktold, Brown County Treasurer. (Exhibit #1)

VI. RESOLUTIONS

None.

VII. EMPLOYEE CHANGES.

None.

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

Judge Munson announced the Court's appreciation to all firefighters and first responders who are fighting the current fires. No action was taken. The burn ban remains in effect.

IX. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

a. Consideration and possible approval of Order of the November Election. Presented by Stephanie Upfold, Elections Administration.

After discussion with Assistant Elections Administrator Stephanie Upfold, Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court approve the Order of Election for the November 3, 2026, General Election and adopt the Proclamation by the Governor of the State of Texas. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #2 and Exhibit #3)

b. Consideration and possible approval of new members of the Child Welfare Board. Presented by Lisa Caldwell.

Christina Jackson introduced three new board members of the Brown County Child Welfare Board to the Commissioners' Court. They are Katy Fisher, Ryan Soto and Kendra Gotcher. After discussion Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the appointment of the three new members to the Brown County Child Welfare Board. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

c. Consideration and possible approval to authorize the County Judge to apply for the Rural Law Enforcement Grant program for FY2026-2027 on behalf of the Sheriff's Office. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting County Judge.

Acting County Judge Tom Munson moved that the Court authorize him to apply for the Rural Law Enforcement Grant program for FY 2026-2027 on behalf of the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

d. Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution authorizing a real property sale purchase agreement between Brown County and the City of Early. Presented by David Reid, Commissioner Precinct 3.

After discussion with City of Early City Manager Tony Aaron, Commissioner Reid moved that the Court adopt a Resolution authorizing a sale purchase agreement between the City of Early, Texas and Brown County, Texas. The City of Early, Texas will convey 5.115 acres (109 Hutton St., Early, Texas) to Brown County, Texas and pay Brown County $75,000.00 in exchange for 2.283 acres (1951 Old May Road, Early, Texas) owned by Brown County, Texas. The current Precinct #3 County Barn is located at 1951 Old May Road, Early, Texas. Per the purchase agreement, the City of Early will also construct a new Precinct #3 County Barn, for Brown County, Texas, at the 109 Hutton St., Early, Texas location. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #4)

e. Consideration and possible approval of Road Use Agreement and bond between Brown County and Grand Prix Pipeline. Presented by Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2.

No action.

f. Consideration and possible approval to authorize the Treasurer to open (4) checking accounts at TexasBank for Grants. Presented by David Becktold, Treasurer.

After discussion with Brown County Treasurer David Becktold, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize the Brown County Treasurer to open four (4) new checking accounts at TexasBank for Grants. The Checking Accounts will be open October 2026 and will be interest bearing accounts. The checking accounts will be for:

County Attorney	SB 22
District Attorney	SB 22
Sheriff's Department	SB 22
Court Liaison Grant	

Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

g. Consideration and possible approval of a date for a public hearing to consider the budget for FY 2026-2027. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting County Judge.

No action.

h. Consideration and possible approval of a date for a public hearing to consider the County Clerk Record Archival Fee for FY 2026-2027. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting County Judge.

Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court approve to set September 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. as the date and time for a public hearing to consider the County Clerk Record Archival Plan/Fee for FY 2026-2027. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

i. Consideration and possible approval of a date for a public hearing to consider ad valorem tax rates for Tax Year 2026. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting County Judge.

No action.

j. **Consideration and possible approval of a date for the adoption of the budget for FY 2026-2027. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting County Judge.**

No action.

k. **Consideration and possible approval of a date for the adoption of the County Clerk Record Archival Fee for FY 2026-2027. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting County Judge.**

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve to set September 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. as the date and time for consideration and possible approval for the adoption of the County Clerk Record Archival Plan/Fee for FY 2026-2027. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

l. **Consideration and possible approval of a date for the adoption of ad valorem tax rates for Tax Year 2026. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting County Judge.**

No action.

X. FINANCIAL: Payment of bills.

Commissioner Chastain moved that the claims, as presented by Brown County Auditor Mitch Moore, be approved. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #5)

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Acting Brown County Judge Munson adjourned the Commissioners' Court at 9:45 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 **August 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**

Sharon Ferguson

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