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Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Brown County Commissioners Court shall be held at 9:00 a.m. on September 23rd, 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: Pastor Kelly Crenshaw, New Beginnings Church

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

a. Sheriff's Office

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

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a. Public hearing to consider Brown County's FY26/27 Budget

b. Public hearing to consider Brown County's tax rates for Tax Year 2026

X. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

a. Consideration and possible adoption of the County Clerk's Record Archive Plan fee. Presented by Sharon Ferguson, County Clerk.
b. Consideration and possible adoption of the District Clerk's Record Archive Plan fee. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting Brown County Judge.
c. Consideration and approval of salaries of Assistant County Auditors. Presented by Mike Smith, District Judge.
d. Consideration and possible approval for adoption into the minutes of certification by District Clerk of Appointments of Assistant County Auditors and of salaries of County Auditor and Assistant County Auditors. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting Brown County Judge.
e. Consideration and possible adoption of Brown County's FY26/27 Budget. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting Brown County Judge.
f. Consideration and possible action to ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the budget of $1,833,331, which is a 9.32% increase from last year's budget, $1,078,153

of which is from new property added to the tax roll this year. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting Brown County Judge.

g. Consideration and possible approval to adopt Brown County's Maintenance & Operation Tax Rate for Tax Year 2026. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting Brown County Judge.
h. Consideration and possible approval to adopt Brown County's Debt Service Tax Rate for Tax Year 2026. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting Brown County Judge.
i. Consideration and possible approval to adopt Brown County's Road & Flood Tax Rate for Tax Year 2026. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting Brown County Judge.
j. Consideration and possible approval of a Resolution affirming adopted tax rates resulting in a total rate of 0.51609. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting Brown County Judge.

XI. 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 551.074- Personnel Matters

XII. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a. Consideration of possible action from Executive Session.

XIII. FINANCIAL: Payment of bills.

XIV. 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 17th day of September, 2026

Thomas A. Munson
Acting Brown County Judge

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FY2026/27 Texas Taxpayer Impact Statement

Brown County has proposed a budget for the County's 2026-2027 fiscal year. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 551.043, a copy of the budget to be discussed or adopted is available on the Brown County website, https://www.browncountytx.gov/.

Taxpayer Impact Statement
Brown County, FY26/27 Texas Taxpayer Impact Statement for Median-Valued Homestead Property
Section 551.043 (c), Texas Government Code

	2025 Actual	2026 Proposed	2026 No New Revenue
Median Home Value	$155,280	$163,305	$163,305
Total Tax Rate (Per $100 of Value)	$0.49482	$0.51609	$0.49723
Tax on Average Homestead	$768	$843	$812

The proposed budget and proposed tax rate may be amended by the Commissioners Court before final adoption.

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STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular meeting on September 23, 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	**ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR**
JENNIFER BROUGHTON	**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

II. PRAYER

Brown County Clerk Sharon Ferguson 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:

None.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

None.

VII. EMPLOYEE CHANGES.

a. Sheriff's Office

Commissioner Chastain moved that the following personnel changes and salaries be approved in the Sheriff's Department:

Brayden Fields/Patrol Deputy/employed

effective 09-01-2026

T J Harrell/Patrol Deputy/discontinued (moving to jail)

effective 09-01-2026 (Exhibit #1)

Kyler Chappell/Jailer/employed

effective 09-11-2026

Clarissa Piper/Jailer/discontinued

effective 06-16-2026 (Exhibit #2)

Kylea Karnes/Jailer/PT Kitchen/employed

effective 09-21-2026

Paul Coghlan/Jailer/PT Kitchen/discontinued

effective 01-16-2026 (Exhibit #3)

Timothy Harrell/Sgt. Jailer/employed

effective 09-01-2026

Blake Sheedy/Jailer/discontinued (moved to Road Crew Boss)

effective 03-09-2026 (Exhibit #4)

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

The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by the Sheriff's Department, for filing. (Exhibit #5)

VIII. 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.

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a. Public hearing to consider Brown County's FY 26/27 Budget.

Acting Brown County Judge Munson opened the public hearing to consider Brown County's Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 and asked for comments or questions. There were none. Acting Brown County Judge Munson closed the public hearing to consider Brown County's Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

b. Public hearing to consider Brown County's tax rates for Tax Year 2026.

Acting Brown County Judge Munson opened the public hearing to consider Brown County's Tax Rates for Tax Year 2026 and asked for comments or questions. There were none. Acting Brown County Judge Munson closed the public hearing to consider Brown County's Tax Rates for Tax Year 2026.

X. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AND CONSIDERED FOR APPROVAL:

a. Consideration and possible adoption of the County Clerk's Record Archive Plan fee. Presented by Sharon Ferguson, County Clerk.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court sign an order approving the County Clerk Records Archive Plan Fee for Fiscal Year 2026/2027. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #6)

b. Consideration and possible adoption of the District Clerk's Record Archive Plan Fee. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting Brown County Judge.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court sign an order approving the District Clerk Records Archive Plan Fee for Fiscal Year 2026/2027. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #7)

c. Consideration and approval of salaries of Assistant County Auditors. Presented by Mike Smith, District Judge.

No action.

d. Consideration and possible approval for adoption into the minutes of certification by District Clerk of Appointments of Assistant County Auditors and of salaries of County Auditor and Assistant County Auditors. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting Brown County Judge.

Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve for adoption into the Commissioner Court minutes the Amended Order Setting Salaries Of County Auditor And Assistant County Auditors Of Brown County, Texas, as certified by the Brown County District Clerk. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #8)

e. Consideration and possible adoption of Brown County's FY26/27 Budget. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting Brown County Judge.

Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court adopt the Brown County Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/2027. This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of $1,833.331.00 which is a 9.32 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is $1,078,153.00. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted as follows:

Tom Munson, Acting Brown County Judge-aye

Kirk Chastain, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye

Mr. Chastain abstained from voting on the County Attorney portion of the budget

Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye

David Reid, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye

Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye

(Exhibit #9)

f. Consideration and possible action to ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the budget of $1,833,331, which is a 9.32% increase from last year's budget, $1,078,153 of which is from new property added to the tax roll this year. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting Brown County Judge.

Acting Brown County Judge Munson Moved that the Court ratify the property tax revenue increase reflected in the budget. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

g. Consideration and possible approval to adopt Brown County's Maintenance & Operation Tax Rate for Tax Year 2026. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting Brown County Judge.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court adopt Brown County's Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 of 0.42660 per $100.00 valuation. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion and the Court voted as follows:

Tom Munson, Acting Brown County Judge-aye

Kirk Chastain, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye

Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye

David Reid, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye

Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye

(Exhibit #10)

h. Consideration and possible approval to adopt Brown County's Debt Service Tax Rate for Tax Year 2026. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting Brown County Judge.

Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court adopt Brown County's Debt Service Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 of 0.01099 per $100 valuation. Commissioner Chastain seconded the motion, and the Court voted as follows:

Tom Munson, Acting Brown County Judge-aye

Kirk Chastain, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye

Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye

David Reid, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye

Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye

(Exhibit #11)

i. Consideration and possible approval to adopt Brown County's Road & Flood Tax Rate for Tax Year 2026. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting Brown County Judge.

Commissioner Chastain moved that the Court adopt Brown County's Road & Flood Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 of 0.07850 per $100 valuation. Commissioner Reid seconded the motion, and the Court voted as follows:

Tom Munson, Acting Brown County Judge-aye

Kirk Chastain, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye

Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye

David Reid, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye

Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye

(Exhibit #12)

j. Consideration and possible approval of a Resolution affirming adopted tax rates resulting in a total rate of 0.51609. Presented by Tom Munson, Acting Brown County Judge.

Commissioner Reid moved that the Court adopt, by Resolution, Brown County's tax rates for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 as proposed:

General Fund Rate	**0.42660**
Debt Service Rate	**0.01099**
Road and Flood Rate	**0.07850**
Total Tax Rate	**0.51609**

Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion, and the Court voted as follows:

Tom Munson, Acting Brown County Judge-aye

Kirk Chastain, Commissioner Precinct 1-aye

Joel Kelton, Commissioner Precinct 2-aye

David Reid, Commissioner Precinct 3-aye

Larry Traweek, Commissioner Precinct 4-aye

This tax rate will effectively raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's rate by 9.32%. This year's levy to fund maintenance and operations expenditures exceeds last year's maintenance and operations tax levy. (Exhibit #13)

Acting Brown County Judge Munson recessed the Regular Session at 9:11 a.m. to convene into Executive Session.

XI. 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 551.074 – Personnel Matters

XII. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a. Consideration of possible action from Executive Session.

No action was taken.

Acting Brown County Judge Munson recessed the Executive Session and called the Regular Session back to order and 9:54 a.m. He then informed the Court that there will be a short recess until 10:30 a.m. this date.

Acting Brown County Judge Munson called the Regular Session back to order at 10:30 a.m.

XIII. FINANCIAL

a. Payment of bills.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the claims, as presented by Brown County Assistant County Auditor Josie Contreras, be paid. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion, and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #14)

XIV. Adjournment

Acting Brown County Judge Munson adjourned the Brown County Commissioners' Court at 10:40 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 **September 23, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**

Sharon Ferguson

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