

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on July 13, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Courtroom, at the Brown County Courthouse, 200 South Broadway St., Brownwood, Texas.

1. Declare a Quorum and Call Meeting to Order

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

Members of the Court present were:

DR. PAUL LILLY	absent	COUNTY JUDGE
GARY WORLEY		COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1
JOEL KELTON		COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2
WAYNE SHAW		COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3
LARRY TRAWEEK	absent	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

Also present:

SHARON FERGUSON	COUNTY CLERK
JOSIE CONTRERAS	ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR
SHANE BRITTON	COUNTY ATTORNEY
T'ANNA MCCLURE	COMMISSIONERS EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

2. Prayer

Sr. Chaplain Dave Fair led the Court in the invocation.

3. 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.)

There was one citizen comment, from Jule Richmond, concerning polling places. [\(Exhibit #1\)](#)

4. Consideration and approval of minutes of July 6, 2020.

Commissioner Shaw moved that the minutes of the July 6, 2020 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.

5. Consideration and approval of any Treasurer's/Auditor's Report.

The July 13, 2020 Combined Statement Of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. [\(Exhibit #2\)](#)

The Total Of Funds Under The Care & Custody Of Brown County Treasurer And Auditor's Report For June 2020 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Worley and a second by Commissioner Shaw. The Court voted 3-0 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. [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)

6. Consideration and approval of payment of any bills needed.

Commissioner Shaw moved that the claims, as presented by Assistant County Auditor Josie Contreras, be paid. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #4\)](#)

7. Consideration and approval of all appropriate action regarding the following:

A. Dr. Lilly-Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding approval of Brown County Child Welfare Board Appointees Jennifer Varverie (should be Barberie) and Lindy Mason. Presentation of nominees by Ms. Judy Brown (should be Brownlee) (Spon CJ).

After discussion, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve the appointments of Jennifer Barberie and Linda Mason as members of the Brown County Child Welfare Board, as presented by Judy Brownlee. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.

B. Dr. Lilly-Presentation of award to the Brown County Historical Commission award from the Texas Historical Commission (Spon CJ).

Robert Contreras presented Ronnie Lappe, from the Brown County Historical Commission, with a Distinguished Service Award. Brown County was named a Certified Local Government by the Texas Historical Commission and the National Park Service. Brown County is only the 18th County in Texas to receive this recognition. [\(Exhibit #5\)](#)

C. Dr. Lilly-Presentation, discussion, and possible action on donation to the Emergency Mgt. Chaplains Service (Spon CJ).

After discussion, with Sr. Chaplain Dave Fair, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize a donation, of \$100.00, from Terry and Pam McDonald, to the Brown County Volunteer Chaplain Service Program, under the Brown County Emergency Management Program. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.

D. Dr. Lilly-Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the purchase of

1. Replacement voter check-in system

After discussion, with Elections Administrator Larry Franks, Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court authorize an expenditure of \$25,788.00 for a replacement voter check-in system kiosk, for the Election's Office. This will be purchased from VOTEC and will be paid from HAVA Funds. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #6\)](#)

2. ID badging system for Election Judges and Clerks

After discussion, no action was taken.

**3. Replacement USB Modem/Phones for (7) precincts
without Wi-Fi**

After discussion, with Elections Administrator Larry Franks, Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court authorize an expenditure, of \$1,260.00, for seven (7) NetStick USB Modem/Phones for seven (7) on the election voting precincts that do not have WIFI. This will be purchased from Sprint and will be paid for from HAVA Funds. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #7\)](#)

**4. Replacement batteries for Mobile Ballot Boxes from Hart
Intercivic**

After discussion, with Elections Administrator Larry Franks, Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court authorize an expenditure, of \$2,557.50, for 25 Mobile Ballot Boxes (\$1,650.00) and for 30 Battery Packs (\$907.50), for the Election Judge's Booth Controller. These will be purchased from HartIntercivic and will be paid for from the Election Administrator's Office Supplies. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #8\)](#)

5. On-Line CERA Training for Brenda Arp-Asst. Elections Administrator

After discussion, with Elections Administrator Larry Franks, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve for Assistant Elections Administrator, Brenda Arp, to attend an Online CERA/CERV (Certified Elections Registration Administrator) Session, which will cost \$2,392.00. This expenditure will be paid for from the Election Administrator's Travel Budget. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #9\)](#)

- E. Lisa Dick, Administrator, Brownwood-Brown County Health Department-Update on COVID19 response and County health initiatives (Spon Pct 2).**

No action.

- F. Mr. Joel Kelton, Commissioner Pct. 2-Presentation, discussion and possible action regarding burn ban.**

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

- G. Commissioner Shaw-Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding an application to install private line on CR 329 by the Zephyr Water Supply (Spon Pct 3).**

Commissioner Shaw moved that an application, made by Zephyr Water Supply Corp., to install a water line, within the right-of-way of County Road #329, in Precinct #3, be approved; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #10\)](#)

H. Commissioner Traweek-Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding an application to install a private line on CR 183 by the City of Bangs (Spon Pct 4).

Commissioner Worley moved that an application, made by the City of Bangs, Billy Jordan, to install a water line, within the right-of-way of County Road #183, in Precinct #4, be approved; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #11\)](#)

8. Adjournment

Judge Pro-Tem Kelton adjourned the Brown County Commissioners Court at 9:55 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 Meeting Act.

Submitted on the _____ day of _____, 2020.

COUNTY JUDGE

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4



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 13, 2020.

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