

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COMMISSIONER'S COURT – September 11, 2023

COUNTY OF BRISCOE

On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023, the Commissioner's Court of Briscoe County, Texas convened in a Regular Session at the County Courtroom, at the Courthouse in Silverton, Texas, with the following members of the Court present to wit:

RANK COGDELL, County Judge,  
KEN WOOD, Commissioner Precinct #1,  
JACK WELLMAN, Commissioner Precinct #2, and  
DANNY FRANCIS, Commissioner Precinct #3  
JOHN BURSON, Commissioner, Precinct #4  
JANE MURRELL, Deputy County Clerk

Other officials present: Mary Jo Brannon and Garret Davis

Meeting was called to order at 9:06 A.M. by Judge Rank Cogdell.

Open Forum: Judge Cogdell told the court that they would need to appoint a designee to represent our area in the High Plains Public Defenders group in the future. Judge Cogdell also informed the commissioners that the roofing company would be here at the end of the month to begin repairs.

Motion was made by Commissioner Francis to approve the minutes from the August 14th, 2023 regular meeting and the August 28<sup>th</sup> special meeting as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Wellman, passed with a 4-0 vote, it is so ordered. Commissioner Burson absent at time of vote.

Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate-called to order 9:10 A.M.  
No one attended  
Adjourned 9:25 A.M.

Commissioner Wood moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .535, which is effectively a 3.2 % increase in the tax rate. Seconded by Commissioner Francis, vote for Commissioner Wellman-Yay, Commissioner Wood-Yay, Commissioner Francis-Yay, Commissioner Burson-Yay, Judge Cogdell-Yay, passed with a 5-0 vote, it is so ordered.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burson to set the dates and times for regular commissioner's court meetings for 2024 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Francis, passed with a 5-0 vote, it is so ordered.

Discussion of Senate Bill 22 requirements-\$75,000 Sheriff salary and \$45,000 deputy salary will start on October 1, 2023.

Motion was made by Commissioner Francis to cancel the previously scheduled commissioner's court meetings on September 18<sup>th</sup> and September 25<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Commissioner Wellman, passed with a 5-0 vote, it is so ordered.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burson to table the discussion and action for security locks from Royal Architecture Products, as there has not been a bid received. Commissioners would like to have vendor present at next meeting to answer any questions. Seconded by Commissioner Francis, passed with a 5-0 vote, it is so ordered.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burson to approve the following budget amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Francis, passed with a 5-0 vote, it is so ordered.

**ORDER**

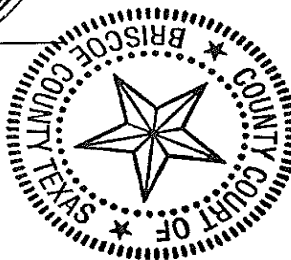
**BUDGET AMENDMENTS  
2022-2023**

It is hereby ordered by the Commissioners' Court of Briscoe County that the 2022-2023 Budget be amended as follows:

Amendment #	Increase	Decrease	Amount	Dept. Head
1	Audit	Postage	\$1,300.00	RC
2	Adult Probation	Computer Expense	\$700.00	RC
3	Workers Comp	Unemployment	\$936.00	RC
4	Insurance & Bonds	Health Insurance	\$7,189.00	RC
5	Copier Expense	Health Insurance	\$320.38	RC
6	Dues & Fees	Health Insurance	\$244.98	RC
7	Law Library	Health Insurance	\$965.00	RC
8	4-H Enrollment	Misc & FCS Seminar	\$10.00	SO
9	Court Reporter Exp	Trial Expense	\$438.00	RC

Approved this 11th day of September, 2023.

*George R. Gold*  
Approved Commissioners' Court



Attest County Clerk  
*Jane Muller*  
By Deputy

Motion was made by Commissioner Francis to approve the work order for Ken Wood, Precinct #1, in the amount of \$125.00. Seconded by Commissioner Wellman, passed with a 5-0 vote, it is so ordered.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wellman to approve the following monthly reports. Seconded by Commissioner Francis, passed with a 5-0 vote, it is so ordered.

Amy Fuston, County/District Clerk  
Mary Jo Brannon, Treasurer  
Garrett Davis, Sheriff  
Jared Johnson, J.P. #2

Jon Etta Ziegler, Tax A/C  
Theresa Clinton, Chief Appraiser  
Stephanie Otis, CEA-FCS

Motion was made by Commissioner Francis to approve Treasurer’s Office Holder’s Report. Seconded by Commissioner Wellman, passed with a 5-0 vote, it is so ordered.

**TREASURER’S OFFICE HOLDER REPORT**  
BRISCOE COUNTY  
September 1, 2023

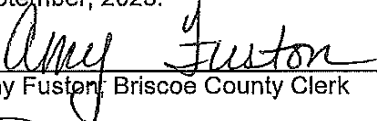
Tax Assessor-Collector	\$10,888.77
County & District Clerk	\$2,803.94
Justice of the Peace, Prec. 1	\$5,754.70
Justice of the Peace, Prec. 2	\$5,677.26
Precinct 1	\$150.00
Precinct 2	\$87.50
Precinct 3	\$87.50
Precinct 4	\$87.50


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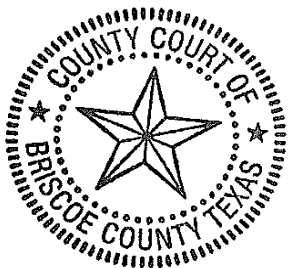
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Mary Jo Brannon, County Treasurer of Briscoe County, who being by me duly sworn, upon oath, says that the within and foregoing report is true and correct.

  
Mary Jo Brannon, Briscoe County Treasurer

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1st day of September, 2023.

  
Amy Fuston, Briscoe County Clerk

By:   
Juanita Murrell



Motion was made by Commissioner Wellman to accept the Commissioner Court Affidavit. Seconded by Commissioner Francis, passed with a 5-0 vote, it is so ordered.

**COMMISSIONERS' COURT AFFIDAVIT**

In compliance with Section 114.026 of the Local Government Code, the Commissioners' Court of Briscoe County on this date has compared and examined the Monthly Report of Mary Jo Brannon, Briscoe County Treasurer. Every account is reported as required by Section 114.026 Local Government Code and the Commissioners' inspection was made in accordance with Section 114.026 of the Local Government Code.

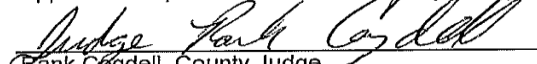
**MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2023**

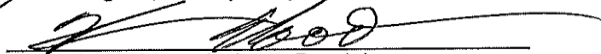
FUND	BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DISBURSED	END BALANCE
Gen Fund	\$ 2,404,282.57	\$ 29,388.45	\$ 85,499.20	\$ 2,348,171.82
Jury Fund	\$ 58,450.19	\$ 1,525.09	\$ -	\$ 59,975.28
Prect 1	\$ 150,883.65	\$ 3,538.44	\$ 12,701.33	\$ 141,720.76
Prect 2	\$ 108,045.95	\$ 3,746.98	\$ 12,828.52	\$ 98,964.41
Prect 3	\$ 79,113.36	\$ 3,475.94	\$ 8,433.59	\$ 74,155.71
Prect 4	\$ 113,449.74	\$ 3,204.88	\$ 9,706.30	\$ 106,948.32
*Other Funds	\$ 195,026.27	\$ 6,088.93	\$ (54.34)	\$ 201,169.54
Total	\$ 3,109,251.73	\$ 50,968.71	\$ 129,114.60	\$ 3,031,105.84

\*Balances of Other Funds that have stipulations by law as how they may be spent, and may not be included in other fund's balances.

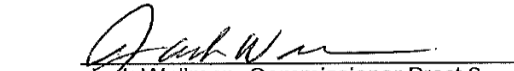
In this regular session of Commissioners' Court of Briscoe County, the requirements of Section 114.026 Subsection C of the Local Government Code have been met and \$3,031,105.84 remains in the custody of Mary Jo Brannon, Briscoe County Treasurer.

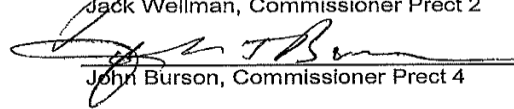
Approved in open court this the 11th day of September, 2023.

  
Rank Cogdell, County Judge

  
Ken Wood, Commissioner Prect 1

  
Danny Francis, Commissioner Prect 3

  
Jack Wellman, Commissioner Prect 2

  
John Burson, Commissioner Prect 4

Motion was made by Commissioner Wellman to pay invoices as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Francis, passed with a 5-0 vote, it is so ordered.

Motion was made by Commissioner Francis to pay Jack's Automotive bills for \$361.51. Seconded by Commissioner Wood. Commissioner Wellman abstained. Passed with a 4-0 vote, it is so ordered.

Motion was made by Commissioner Francis to pay salaries and line items. Seconded by Commissioner Burson, passed with a 5-0 vote, it is so ordered.

Motion was made by Commissioner Burson to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Wellman, passed with a 5-0 vote, it is so ordered. Adjourned at 10:46 A.M.

/S/ Amy Fuston  
County Clerk, Briscoe County, Texas