

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on September 14, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Courtroom, Brown County Courthouse, 200 South Broadway Brownwood, Texas. Judge West called the meeting to order. Members of the Court present were:

E. RAY WEST III	COUNTY JUDGE
JOEL KELTON	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2
WAYNE SHAW	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3
LARRY TRAWEEK	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

Also present:

SHARON FERGUSON	COUNTY CLERK
NINA COX	COUNTY AUDITOR
T'ANNA MCCLURE	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

- A. Opening prayer. Rick Phelps led the Court in the invocation.**
- B. Reading and approval of minutes. None.**
- C. Recognition of visitors.**
- D. Matter of new business to be presented to the Court for its consideration and action as appropriate. Items may not be taken in the order that they are listed.**

Item #1: Joel Kelton, Pct-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding burn ban. After discussion, no action was taken. The burn ban remains in effect.

Item #2: Sheriff's Office-Employee changes. Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court approve the following personnel changes at the Sheriff's Department:

**Audrey Wallace/Jail Medical Officer/employed PT
effective 09-03-2015**

**Shawnee Perez/Jail Medical Officer/discontinued PT
effective (06-15-2015) [\(Exhibit #1\)](#)**

**Ronald Olufs/Jailer/employed
effective 09-01-2015**

**Caleb Studdard/Jailer/discontinued
effective 04-07-2015 [\(Exhibit #2\)](#)**

Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.

Item #3: Sharon Ferguson, County Clerk-Public Hearing on preservation and restoration of the County Clerk's Records Archive. After discussion, Judge West asked for questions or comments, from the audience, regarding the County Clerk's Records Archive Plan. There were none.

Item #4: Sharon Ferguson, County Clerk-Consideration and possible approval of County Clerk's Records Archival Plan/Fee. After discussion, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court sign an order to adopt the County Clerk's Records Archival Plan/Fee presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #3](#))

Item #5: Cheryl Jones, District Clerk-Public Hearing on preservation and restoration of the District Clerk's Records Archive. After discussion, Judge West asked for comments or questions, from the audience, concerning the District Clerk's Records Archive Plan. There were none.

Item #6: Cheryl Jones, District Clerk-Consideration and possible approval of District Clerk's Records Archival Plan/Fee. After discussion, Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court sign an order to adopt the District Clerk's Records Archival Plan/Fee presented by District Clerk Cheryl Jones. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #4](#))

Item #7: Ray West, County Judge-Public Hearing on proposed tax rate. Judge West opened the second public hearing, on the proposed tax rate, for public comment or questions. There were none. Judge West recessed the second public hearing.

Item #8: Ray West, County Judge-Consideration and possible approval of tax rate. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve the proposed tax rate, for Fiscal Year 2015/2015, of \$0.5955 per \$100.00 valuation. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. The tax rate will be approved at the September 28, 2015 Commissioner's Court meeting. ([Exhibit #5](#))

Item #9: Jim Cavanaugh, JP Pct 4-Consideration and possible approval of replacement employee. Judge West moved that the Court approve the hiring of Tabitha Keas, as General Clerk for Justice of the Peace Precincts #1, #2, #3, and #4 and approve current General Clerk employee Charla Airheart as Chief Clerk for Justice of the Peace Precincts #2 and #3. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion. No action was taken. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court table the motion. Commissioner Shaw seconded to table the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. After discussion, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the following personnel changes for the Justice of the Peace Precincts #1, #2, #3, and #4:

**Tabitha Love Keas/General Clerk/employed
effective 09-21-2015**

**Charla Airheart/General Clerk/discontinued
effective 09-30-2015 ([Exhibit #6](#))**

Judge West seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #10: Wayne Shaw, Pct 3-Consideration and possible approval of reimbursement for legal fees. No action.

Item #11: Ray West, County Judge-Discussion of replacement of Brown County Sheriff. Those who addressed the Court, regarding the replacement of the Brown County Sheriff were:

Bob Beadel ([Exhibit #7](#))

John Dunn, MD ([Exhibit #8](#))

George Hullum ([Exhibit #9](#))

Joe D. Taylor ([Exhibit #10](#))

Joy Grubbs

Larry Shields

After discussion, no action was taken. Judge West thanked all the public for coming.

Item #12: Budget Hearings. No action.

E. Reports. The September 14, 2015 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. ([Exhibit #11](#))

The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by the Sheriff's Department, for filing. ([Exhibit #12](#))

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Traweek moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Nina Cox, be paid. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 approve. ([Exhibit #13](#))

G. Approval of Treasurer's/Auditor's Report. The Total Of Funds Under The Care & Custody Of Brown County Treasurer And Auditor's Report for August, 2015 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Traweek and a second by Commissioner Kelton. The Court voted 4-0 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 #14](#))

H. Recess. Commissioner Ketlon moved that the Court recess until September 21, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.

