

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on June 6, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Courtroom, Brown County Courthouse, 200 South Broadway Brownwood, Texas. Judge Pro-Tem Kelton called the meeting to order. Members of the Court present were:

E. RAY WEST III	COUNTY JUDGE
GARY WORLEY	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1
JOEL KELTON	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2
WAYNE SHAW	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3
LARRY TRAWEEK	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

Also present:

SHARON FERGUSON	COUNTY CLERK
JENNIFER ROBISON	COUNTY AUDITOR
T'ANNA MCCLURE	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

- A. Opening prayer. Rick Phelps led the Court in the invocation.**
- B. Reading and approval of minutes. Commissioner Worley moved that the minutes of the May 23, 2016 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**
- 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: Consideration and possible approval of action regarding burn ban. After discussion, no action was taken. The burn ban remains lifted.

Item #2: Cheryl Jones, District Clerk-Consideration and possible approval to hire replacement employee. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court authorize the following personnel changes for the District Clerk's Office:

**Jacie Gardner/Deputy District Clerk/discontinued
effective 5-09-2016**

**Diane Newton/Deputy District Clerk/employed
effective 06-01-2016 ([Exhibit #1](#))**

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

Item #3: Sheriff's Office-Employee changes. Commissioner Worley moved that the Court authorize the following personnel changes for the Sheriff's Department:

**Nathan Allison/Jailer Sgt/employed/with salary change
effective 05-23-2016**

**Larry Saxton/Jailer Sgt/transferred to Road Crew
effective 05-23-2016 ([Exhibit #2](#))**

Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #4: Larry Traweek, Pct 4-Application to install private line, Pency Drive. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve an application, made by Brookesmith SUD, to install a buried water line within the right-of-way of 181 Pency Drive, in Precinct #4; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #3](#))

Item #5: Vance Hill, Chief Deputy-Consideration and possible approval to hire private lab to do DNA analysis, comparison and testing. After discussion, with Sheriff's Chief Deputy Vance Hill, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court authorize the Sheriff's Department to hire the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office forensic private lab, to expedite DNA analysis, comparison, and testing, of evidence, in the Chantay Blankenship murder. The cost for this testing is approximately \$5,700.00 and will be paid from the Sheriff Department's Operation's Budget. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #6: Wayne Shaw, Pct 3-Consideration and possible approval of temporary employee beginning June 7, 2016. Commissioner Shaw moved that he be authorized to hire Grady Woodcox, for Precinct #3 Road Crew, temporary PT/FT, at \$12.00 per hour, effective June 7, 2016. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #4](#))

Item #7: Ray West, County Judge-Consideration and possible approval to extend the Brown County Declaration of Disaster. The Declaration of Disaster was signed on May 31, 2016. (See attached). Judge West moved that the Court authorize him to sign a Continuation of Declaration of Disaster (extend for 10 days). Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #5](#))

Judge West recessed the Court at 9:40 A.M. for a break.

Judge West called the Special Session back to order at 10:00 A.M. and introduced Jennifer Robison to the Court as the new Brown County Auditor.

E. Reports. The June 6, 2016 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. ([Exhibit #6](#))

The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by the Sheriff's Department, for filing. ([Exhibit #7](#))

The Pre-Trial Services Report was presented by Indigent Defense Coordinator/Pretrial Services Director Nita Richardson, for filing. ([Exhibit #8](#))

Brown County Surveyor Don King reported on FEMA.

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Worley moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Jennifer Robison, be paid. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 approve. ([Exhibit #9](#))

G. Adjourn. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court adjourn until June 13, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

