

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on September 26, 2016 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:**

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

**Also present:**

<b>SHARON FERGUSON</b>	<b>COUNTY CLERK</b>
<b>JENNIFER ROBISON</b>	<b>COUNTY AUDITOR</b>
<b>T'ANNA MCCLURE</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT</b>

**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 September 21, 2016 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted -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: Joel Kelton, Pct 2-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding burn ban. After discussion, no action was taken. The burn ban remains lifted.**

**Item #2: Valton Sudderth-Consideration and possible approval of final plat of 1.263 acres; Oak Hill Circle West. After discussion, with Valton Sudderth, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve the single lot plat, for Oak Hill Circle West, in Precinct #1, subject to information to be furnished, by surveyor Charles Polaski, to Brown County Surveyor Don King. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. Judge West recused from voting. ([Exhibit #1](#))**

**Item #3: Wayne Shaw, Pct 3-Application to install private line, CR 305. Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court approve an application, made by Zephyr Water Supply, to install a buried water line within the right-of-way of County Road #305, in Precinct #3; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #2](#))**

**Item #4: Wayne Shaw, Pct 3-Consideration and possible approval to declare as surplus (1) Eager Beaver Lowboy Trailer; (1) 2014 Ford F150 Pickup. Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court declare one Eager Beaver Lowboy Trailer and one 2014 Ford 150 Pickup, from Precinct #3, as surplus, to be listed on the GovDeals online auction. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**Item #5: Sharon Ferguson, County Clerk-Consideration and possible approval of replacement employee. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court authorize the following personnel changes in the County Clerk's Office:**

**Tammie Anderson/Deputy Clerk/employed  
effective 09-26-2016**

**Patricia Valdez/Deputy Clerk/discontinued  
effective 08-31-2016 ([Exhibit #3](#))**

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

**Item #6: Gary Worley, Pct 1-Consideration and possible approval for cattle guard(s) on Corrigan Street. Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve the placement of two (2) cattle guards across Corrigan Street, in Precinct #1, from Franke Street west to the Brownwood City limits. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**Item #7: Ray West, County Judge-Consideration and possible adoption of FY 2016-2017 Budget. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court adopt the Brown County Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, as proposed. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #4](#))**

**Item #8: Ray West, County Judge-Consideration and possible adoption of FY 2016-2017 tax rate. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court adopt, by Resolution, the tax rates for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 as proposed:**

**General Fund Rate .4643 motion by Commissioner Traweek  
second by Commissioner Kelton  
vote: 5-0 in favor**

**Debt Service Rate .0641 motion by Commissioner Worley  
second by Commissioner Shaw  
vote: 5-0 in favor**

**Road and Flood Rate .0809 motion by Commissioner Shaw  
second by Commissioner Kelton  
vote: 5-0 in favor**

**The Total Tax Rate will be .6093.**

**This tax rate will effectively raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's rate by 4.64%. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 4.64% and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$13.80. This year's levy to fund maintenance and operations expenditures exceeds last year's maintenance and operation tax levy. ([Exhibit #5](#))**

**E. Reports. The September 26, 2016 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. ([Exhibit #6](#))**

**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 #7](#))**

**G. Recess. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court recess until October 3, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

