

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on January 9, 2017 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:

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| 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:

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

A. Opening prayer. Judge West led the Court in the invocation.

B. Reading and approval of minutes. Commissioner Shaw moved that the minutes of the January 3, 2017 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Worley 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: 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: Vance Hill, Brown County Sheriff-Employee changes. Commissioner Worley moved that the following personnel changes be authorized at the Sheriff's Department:

Charles Lawson/promoted to Assistant Jail Administrator effective 01-01-2017

Les Karnes/discontinued as Assistant Jail Administrator when promoted to Jail Captain effective 01-01-2017

[\(Exhibit #1\)](#)

Justin Taylor/promoted to Jailer Sgt/effective 01-01-2017

Charles Lawson discontinued as Jailer Sgt when promoted to Assistant Jail Administrator effective 01-01-2017

[\(Exhibit #2\)](#)

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

Item #3: Vance Hill, Brown County Sheriff-Consideration and possible approval to accept donation from Cox Family Trust. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize the Sheriff's Department to accept a \$10,000.00 donation, for officer safety equipment, from the Gary Cox/Cox Family Trust. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #4: Sharon Ferguson, County Clerk-Consideration and possible approval for bond for 2nd Assistant County Auditor, Valerie Williams. Judge West moved that the Court approve the bond for 2nd Assistant County Auditor Valerie Williams. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #3](#))

Item #5: Ray West, County Judge-Consideration and possible approval to appoint Courtney Levens as Wellness Coordinator for Brown County. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the appointment of Courtney Levens, Brown County Family and Consumer Science Agent, as the TAC Wellness Coordinator for Brown County. Judge West seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #4](#))

Item #6: Ray West, County Judge-Consideration and possible approval relating to all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of “Brown County, Texas, Tax Notes, Series 2017”, including the adoption of an order authorizing the issuance of such tax notes and approving all other matters incident thereto. After discussion, with Erick Macha, Director First SouthWest, Judge West moved that the Court approve the adoption of an Order authorizing the issuance of Brown County, Texas Tax Notes Series 2017, in the amount of \$530,000.00, to be used in 2023. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-1 to approve. Commissioner Kelton voted nay. ([Exhibit #5](#))

Jessica Acker addressed the Court in opposition concerning the Tax Notes Series 2017. ([Exhibit #6](#))

E. Reports. The January 9, 2017 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. ([Exhibit #7](#))

The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by the Sheriff's Department, for filing. ([Exhibit #8](#))

Certificates of Completion, for completing the required 20 hours of continuing education for 2016, was presented by Sharon Ferguson, Brown County Clerk and Cheryl Jones, Brown County District Clerk, for filing. ([Exhibit #9](#) and [Exhibit #10](#))

Commissioner Worley informed the Court that a Temporary Certificate Of Occupancy, for the Treasurer's and Elections Office, from the City of Brownwood, was received.

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Worley moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Jennifer Robison, be paid. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 approve. ([Exhibit #11](#))

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 December, 2016 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Traweck and a second by Commissioner Shaw. The Court voted 5-0 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 #12](#))

H. Recess. Judge West moved that the Court recess until January 17, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

