

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on January 17, 2017 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
GARY WORLEY
JOEL KELTON
WAYNE SHAW**

**COUNTY JUDGE
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3**

Also present:

**SHARON FERGUSON
JENNIFER ROBISON
T'ANNA MCCLURE**

**COUNTY CLERK
COUNTY AUDITOR
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 January 9, 2017 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 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-Consideration and possible approval to purchase specialized investigative equipment. After discussion, with Sheriff Hill, Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court authorize the Sheriff's Department to purchase upgraded specialized investigative equipment, for \$2,205.00. One half of the purchase price will be paid from the Sheriff's Operations expense in the General Fund and one half will be paid from the Sheriff's Forfeiture Fund. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.

Item #3: Vance Hill, Brown County Sheriff-Consideration and possible approval to submit an application and Operations plan to the State of Texas for utilization of excess Dept of Defense property. After discussion, Sheriff Hill requested, and received, Judge West's signature on a Law Enforcement Agency Application For Participation for utilization of excess Department of Defense property that can be used by local law enforcement.

Item #4: Sheriff's Office-Employee changes. Commissioner Worley moved that the following personnel changes be authorized at the Sheriff's Department:

Toby Mathis/Deputy/employed

effective 01-30-2017

Terry Sliter/Deputy/discontinued

effective 11-11-2016 ([Exhibit #1](#))

Jose Rodriguez/Deputy/employed

effective 01-30-2017

Nathan Land/Deputy/discontinued

effective 01-13-2017 ([Exhibit #2](#))

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

Item #5: Sharon Ferguson, County Clerk-Consideration and possible approval of Resolution in opposition to re:SearchTX.

Judge West moved that the Court approve a Resolution in opposition to re:SearchTX opposing any diversion of existing County revenue to any other government entity concerning records held under local control by statute. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #3](#))

Item #6: Rick Phelps-Consideration and possible approval of school zone signs for Victory Life Academy. After discussion, with Rick Phelps, concerning school zone signs for Victory Life Academy, no action was taken.

Item #7: Sherry Clark, Child Welfare Board-Consideration and possible approval of board members for Child Welfare Board. Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court approve the appointment of Linda Burns and Melissa Mullins to serve on the Child Welfare Board of Brown County. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #4](#))

E. Reports. The January 17, 2017 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. ([Exhibit #5](#))

The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by the Sheriff's Department, for filing. ([Exhibit #6](#))

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Shaw moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Jennifer Robison, be paid. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 approve. ([Exhibit #7](#))

G. Recess. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court recess until January 23, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.

