

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on February 13, 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:

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 Kelton moved that the minutes of the February 6, 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 in effect.

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

Taylor Smith/Jailer/employed

effective 02-06-2017

H. Brad Conaway/Jailer/discontinued

effective 11-30-2016 ([Exhibit #1](#))

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

Item #3: Vance Hill, Sheriff-Presentation of racial profile report. Sheriff Vance Hill presented the Brown County Sheriff's Office 2016 Annual Racial Profiling Report, for filing. ([Exhibit #2](#))

Item #4: Billy Murphey, David Morgan, Chad Smith, and Jimmy Murray-Consideration and possible approval of Veteran's Court. After discussion, with VSO Billy Murphey, David Morgan, Navy Veteran Chad Smith, and VSO Coordinator Jimmy Murray, no action was taken concerning a Veteran's Court. ([Exhibit #3](#))

Item #5: Wayne Shaw, Pct 3-Application to install private line, CR 261. 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 #261, in Precinct #3; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #4\)](#)

Item #6: Chris Weber, Dam Volunteer Fire Department-Presentation regarding Fire Academy. Chris Weber, representing the Central Texas Wildfire Academy, informed the Court that the Texas A&M Forest Service and the Dam Volunteer Fire Department are sponsoring the 16th Annual Central Texas Wildfire Academy on February 22-26, 2017 at the Camp Bowie Training Site, Brownwood, Texas and invited everyone to attend. [\(Exhibit #5\)](#)

Item #7: Chris Weber, Dam Volunteer Fire Department-Consideration and possible approval of burning permits associated with Fire Academy. After discussion, Commissioner Worley informed the Court that he would approve burning permits associated with the Central Texas Wildfire Academy because the burn area lies within Precinct #1. [\(Exhibit #6\)](#)

Item#8: Karen Opiela, Elections Administrator-Acknowledgement of receipt and presentation of a petition for a local option election in JP Precinct 2 for “THE LEGAL SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR OFF-PREMISE CONSUMPTION ONLY”. Said petition filed with the Elections Administrator on Friday, January 13, 2017 as required, but is invalid due to a lack of the number of signatures required from qualified voters.

Karen Opiela, Brown County Elections Administrator, presented the Court with the Petition for Local Option Election to Legalize “The Legal Sale of Beer and Wine for Off-Premise Consumption Only” for JP Precinct #2, that was submitted to her office on January 13, 2017. The number of signatures of qualified voters required for this petition to be sufficient is 479 and the number of signatures of qualified voters received is 462. The Petition, as submitted, is insufficient to order a Local Option Election to Legalize, therefore no Local Option Election to Legalize will be held on May 6, 2017, the next Uniform Election Date. The Petition, with signatures, is x filed with the County Clerk.

[\(Exhibit #7\)](#)

E. Reports. The February 13, 2017 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing.

[\(Exhibit #8\)](#)

The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by the Sheriff’s Department, for filing. [\(Exhibit #9\)](#)

The PreTrial Report was presented by Indigent Defense/Pretrial Services Director Nita Richardson, for filing. [\(Exhibit #10\)](#)

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Traweek moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Jennifer Robison, be paid. Commissioner Kelton 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 January, 2017 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Worley 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. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court recess until February 21, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Judge West seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

