

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on May 15, 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 May 8, 2017 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Shaw 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: Wayne Shaw, Pct 3-Consideration and possible approval to declare vehicle/equipment as surplus. After discussion, Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court declare a 2012 Ford van and a Kubota tractor, from Precinct #3, as surplus. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #1\)](#)

Item #3: Wayne Shaw, Pct 3-Consideration and possible approval to sell surplus vehicle/equipment on GovDeals. Commissioner Shaw moved that the Ford van and a Kubota tractor, from Precinct #3, declared as surplus, be listed for sale on GovDeals.com. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #4: Vance Hill, Sheriff-Consideration and possible approval to sell surplus vehicles and/or equipment on GovDeals. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize the surplus items, presented by Sheriff Hill at the May 8, 2017 Commissioners Court meeting, as Exhibit #2, to be listed for sale on GovDeals.com. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #2\)](#)

Item #5: Jennifer Robison-County Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of disbursement of final 2007 disaster FEMA funds in the amount of \$24,946.62, to be divided equally between each precinct. After discussion, with Brown County Auditor Jennifer Robison, Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve the disbursement of the final 2007 disaster FEMA funds, in the amount of \$24,946.62, to be divided equally between each of the four precincts. All four precincts were affected by the disaster. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #6: Karen Opiela, Elections Administrator-Consideration and possible approval of out of state travel for Karen Opiela to attend National Election Center conference and graduation ceremony for Karen's graduating from the Professional Education Program with the designation of CERA (Certified Election/Registration Administrator). This travel will primarily be funded from Chapter 19 funds which come from the Secretary of State's (SOS) Office through reimbursement. After discussion, with Brown County Elections Administrator Karen Opiela, Judge West moved that the Court authorize out of state travel for Karen Opiela to attend the National Election Center conference and graduation ceremony in Orange County, Florida. The travel will be primarily funded from the SOS Chapter 19 Funds. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

Item #7: Karen Opiela, Elections Administrator-Consideration and possible approval of out of state travel for Larry Franks to complete courses necessary to obtain certifications. A portion of this travel would be reimbursed by the SOS Chapter 19 fund for Brown County. After discussion, with Brown County Elections Administrator Karen Opiela, Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court authorize out of state travel, to Ft. Meyers Florida, for Assistant Elections Administrator Larry Franks, to complete courses necessary to obtain certifications. A portion of this travel will be reimbursed by the SOS Chapter 19 Funds. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

E. Reports. The May 15, 2017 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)

The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by Sheriff Vance Hill, for filing. [\(Exhibit #4\)](#)

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Worley 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. [\(Exhibit #5\)](#)

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 April, 2017 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Worley and a second by Commissioner Kelton. 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 #6](#))

H. Recess. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court recess until May 22, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

