

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on July 10, 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:**

<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 Kelton moved that the minutes of the July 3, 2017 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Worley 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, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court lift the burn ban. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**Item #2: Steve Ellis, District Judge-Introduction of newly appointed Court Reporter for the 35<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court Judge.**

**Steve Ellis, Brown County 35<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge, introduced Mary Ross, the new Brown County Official Court Reporter, to the Commissioners Court. Mary Ross will fill the position, previously held by Cristi Escobar, effective July 10, 2017. ([Exhibit #1](#))**

**Item #3: Tera Rudloff, Child Welfare Board-Consideration and possible approval of new board members. Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve the appointment of Jill Evans and Cindy Niblett as new board members for the Child Welfare Board of Brown County, as presented by Chairperson Tera Rudloff. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #2](#))**

**Item #4: Bart Johnson-Consideration and possible approval regarding Brown County insurance renewal. Bart Johnson, Brown County Agent of Record, from Painter And Johnson Financial, and Kathy Davenport, Employee Benefits Consultant, from TAC, discussed with the Court the renewal of the Brown County Employee health insurance. Bart Johnson discussed the possibility of Health Risk Management Consultants, for employees, at no cost to the County. After discussion, no action was taken. ([Exhibit #3](#) and [Exhibit #4](#))**

**Item #5: Ray West, County Judge-Consideration and possible approval to appoint David Alan Smith, M.D. to the Board of Trustees of Central Texas Mental Health Mental Retardation dba Center for Life Resources Center. Judge West moved that the Court approve the appointment of David Alan Smith, M.D., to serve on Central Texas Mental Health Mental Retardation (CTMHMR) dba Center for Life Resources Board of Trustees from September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2019. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #5](#))**

**Item #6: Joel Kelton, Pct 2-Consideration and possible approval of additional employee. Commissioner Kelton moved that he be authorized to hire Jerry Scott Lindley, as a Road Hand, for Precinct #2, effective 07-16-2017. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #6](#))**

**Item #7: Larry Traweek, Pct 4-Consideration and possible approval of employee changes. Commissioner Traweek moved that he be authorized to hire the following employees for Precinct #4:**

**David Peeples/Road Hand/employed**

**effective 07-16-2017 ([Exhibit #7](#))**

**Tanner James/temporary part-time/employed**

**effective 07-10-2017 at \$11.50 per hour ([Exhibit #8](#))**

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

**Judge West announced that the Court will recess the Regular Session to convene into Executive Session.**

**The Court will convene into Executive Session pursuant to the provision of the open meetings law, Texas Government Code 551.074 concerning the possible appointment of Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1.**

**Judge West recessed the Executive Session, at 10:15 A.M.**

**Judge West called the Regular Session back to order at 10:20 A.M., after a short recess.**

**Item #8: The Court will reconvene into Open Session- Consideration and possible approval of appointment of Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1. Judge West and Commissioner Worley thanked the five applicants who had applied for Justice of the Peace Precinct #1. After discussion, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court appoint Doug Hurt, to fill the unexpired term of Justice of the Peace Precinct #1, effective 08-01-2017. Justice of the Peace Precinct #1, Walter B. Croft, passed away on May 12, 2017. Judge West seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**E. Reports. The July 10, 2017 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, 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 Shaw 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 June 2017, was approved after a motion by Commissioner Worley and a second by Commissioner Traweek. 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 Worley moved that the Court recess until July 17, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

