

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on August 21, 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
JOSIE CONTRERAS	ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR
VALERIE WILLIAMS	1ST ASSISTANT 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 Traweek moved that the minutes of the August 14, 2017 and August 15, 2017 meetings 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 in effect.

Item #2: Larry Franks, Assistant Elections Administrator-Consideration and possible approval of election Precinct Judges, Alternate Judges and Early Voting Ballot Board Judge and members for a two year term beginning September 1, 2017. After discussion, with Assistant Elections Administrator Larry Franks, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve the appointment of Republican Election Judges, Democrat Election Judges, and Early Voting Ballot Board Judges for a two year term commencing on September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2019. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #1](#))

Item #3: Jennifer Robison, County Auditor-Consideration and possible approval to transfer old jury fund to general fund. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the transfer of an inactive old jury fund balance, of \$14,703.88, to the General Fund. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #2](#))

Item #4: Scott Bird, Sheriff's Office-Consideration and possible approval of payroll deduction for Sheriff's Office Employees Association. After discussion, with Scott Bird, Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court approve the voluntary payroll deduction for Sheriff's Office Employees Association dues. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #5: Karen Opiela, Elections Administrator-Consideration and possible approval of replacement employee. After discussion, with Assistant Elections Administrator Larry Franks, Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court authorize the Elections Administrator to hire Sharon Riker, effective 08-22-2017, on a permanent part/time basis at \$10.58 per hour. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #3](#))

Item #6: Sheriff's Office-Employee changes. Commissioner Worley moved that the Court authorize the following personnel changes at the Sheriff's Department:

Donna Brown/Jailer/employed

effective 08-23-2017

Blake Sheedy/Jailer/discontinued

effective 08-13-2017 ([Exhibit #4](#))

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

Item #7: Vance Hill, Sheriff-Consideration and possible approval to purchase shotguns with NRA Grant funds. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court authorize Sheriff Vance Hill to purchase six (6) Benelli Nova 20056 Pump Tactical Shotguns, with NRA Grant funds, for a total of \$2,257.62, for Law Enforcement. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #5](#))

Item #8: Joel Kelton, Pct 2-Application to install private line, CR 411. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve an application, made by Coleman County Telephone, to install buried communication line within the right-of-way of County Road #411, in Precinct #2; subject to Brown County specifications for boring a road. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #6\)](#)

Item #9: Wayne, Shaw, Pct 3-Consideration and possible approval of equipment trade. Commissioner Shaw moved that he be authorized to trade in a CAT 12H Motor Grader for a pre-owned Dynapac CP271 9 Wheel Roller, a pre-owned CAT 246C Skid Steer Loader, and a pre-owned New Holland RG100 Motor Grader for use in Precinct #3. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #7\)](#)

Item #10: Wayne Shaw, Pct 3-Consideration and possible approval of employee pay increase. No action.

Item #11: Budget Workshop. No action.

E. Reports. The August 21, 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. [\(Exhibit #9\)](#)

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Shaw moved that the claims, as corrected, and as presented by Assistant County Auditor Josie Contreras, be paid. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 approve. ([Exhibit #10](#))

G. Recess. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court recess until August 28, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

