

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on August 28, 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:

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| 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:

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| 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 August 21, 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, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court lift the burn ban. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #2: Ray West, County Judge-Consideration and possible approval of Interlocal Agreement between Lubbock County, Texas and Brown County, Texas for Regional Public Defense Counsel for Capital Cases. Judge West moved that the Court approve an Interlocal Agreement, to provide court-appointed counsel for individuals charged with the offense of capital murder (death-eligible), between Lubbock County, Texas, acting through the West Texas Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases, and Brown County, Texas and authorize Judge West to sign the agreement on behalf of the county. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #1\)](#)

Item #3: Wayne Shaw, Pct 3-Consideration and possible approval to declare pneumatic roller as surplus. Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court declare a Ferguson pneumatic roller, from Precinct #3, as surplus. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #4: Wayne Shaw, Pct 3-Consideration and possible approval to sell pneumatic roller on GovDeals. Commissioner Shaw moved that he be authorized to list, for sale, a Ferguson pneumatic roller, from Precinct #3, on GovDeals online auction. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #5: Rick Phelps-Consideration and possible approval to add wording “cell phone use prohibited” to Victory Life school flashing light. After discussion, with Rick Phelps, Judge West moved that the Court approve the addition of the words “Cell Phone Use Prohibited” to signage, on the same light standard that the flashing light is on, going both directions on CC Woodson Road. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

Item #6: Ray West, County Judge-Public Hearing on proposed tax rate. Judge West opened the 1st Public Hearing, on the proposed tax rate, for public comment or questions. There were none. The proposed General Fund Rate is .4643, the proposed Debt Service Rate is .0734 and the proposed Road and Flood Rate is .0860 making the proposed Total Tax Rate .6237 Judge West recessed the first public hearing. The 2nd Public Hearing is scheduled for August 31, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

Item #7: Budget Workshop. After discussion, no action was taken.

E. Reports. None.

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 4-0 approve. [\(Exhibit #2\)](#)

G. Recess. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court recess until August 31, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

