

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on September 5, 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
LARRY TRAWEEK	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

Also present:

SHARON FERGUSON	COUNTY CLERK
JOSIE CONTRERAS	ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR
T'ANNA MCCLURE	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

- A. Opening prayer. Judge West led the Court in the invocation.**
- B. Reading and approval of minutes. None.**
- 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: Ray West, County Judge-Consideration and setting of public hearing to consider County Budget for FY 2017-2018. Judge West moved that the Court reconvene on September 14, 2017, in a public hearing, to consider the Brown County Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. Judge West moved that the public hearing, to consider the Brown County Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018, be held at 9:00 A.M. in the Brown County Commissioners' Courtroom. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #3: Larry Traweek, Pct 4-Application to install private line, CR 180. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve an application, made by Brookesmith SUD, to install a buried water line within the right-of-way of County Road #180, in Precinct #4; subject to Brown County specifications for boring a road. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #1\)](#)

Item #4: Larry Traweek, Pct 4-Application to install private line, CR 193. No action.

Item #5: Larry Traweek, Pct 4-Application to install private line, CR 180. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve an application, made by Brookesmith SUD, to install a buried water line within the right-of-way of County Road #180, in Precinct #4; subject to Brown County specifications. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #2](#))

Item #6: Budget workshop.

Leesa Stephens, Executive Director of Good Samaritan Ministries, addressed the Court by reading a statement she had prepared, concerning the Brown County Budget and proposed budget cuts for Good Samaritan Ministries. ([Exhibit #3](#) and [Exhibit #4](#))

Pastor Ron Keener addressed the Court, on behalf of North Lake Community Church, concerning proposed budget cuts for Good Samaritan Ministries. ([Exhibit #5](#))

David Carroll addressed the Court concerning proposed budget cuts for Good Samaritan Ministries. ([Exhibit #6](#))

E. Reports. The September 5, 2017 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. ([Exhibit #7](#))

The PreTrial Report was presented by Indigent Defense/Pretrial Services Director Nita Richardson, for filing. ([Exhibit #8](#))

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Traweek moved that the claims, as presented by Assistant County Auditor Josie Contreras, be paid. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 approve. ([Exhibit #9](#))

Judge West moved that the Court amend the first motion, in Item #2, to read: Judge West moved that the Court reconvene on September 18, 2017, in a public hearing, to consider the Brown County Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion to amend.

Judge West announced that the Court will adopt the Tax Rate on September 14, 2017.

G. Adjourn. Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Traweek, seconded by Commissioner Worley and carried unanimously, the Brown Commissioners Court recessed at 11:00 A.M. until September 11, 2017 at 10:30 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom.

