

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on September 18, 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 Traweek moved that the minutes of the September 14, 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, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court find that the conditions present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court sign an Order to re-impose the burn ban. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #1\)](#)

Item #2: Cheryl Jones, District Clerk-Consideration and possible approval of replacement employee. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize the following personnel changes in the District Clerk's Office:

**Geri Fuller/Deputy District Clerk/employed
effective 09-11-2017**

**Jeanne Myers/Deputy District Clerk/discontinued
effective 08-07-2017 [\(Exhibit #2\)](#)**

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

Item #3: Sharon Ferguson, County Clerk-Consideration and possible approval to declare printer as surplus. Commissioner Worley moved that the Court declare a Lexmark T640 printer, from the County Clerk's office, as surplus/of no value. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)

Item #4: Sheriff's Office-Employee changes. Commissioner Worley moved that the Court authorize the following personnel changes at the Sheriff's Department:

Stephen Thompson/Jailer/employed

effective 09-18-2017

Sandra Baucum/Jailer/discontinued

effective 08-21-2017 ([Exhibit #4](#))

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

Item #5: Paul Salazar-Consideration and possible approval of cleanup in the Hillcrest Division, Pct 1. Mr. Salazar was not present in Court. No action.

Item #6: Joel Kelton, Pct 2-Consideration and possible approval to lease purchase of equipment. Commissioner Kelton moved that he be authorized to lease/purchase a 2016 Caterpillar Model CW 16 Pneumatic Roller, for use in Precinct #2. This will be financed at 3.8%, for 5 years, with Warren CAT. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #5](#))

Item #7: Joel Kelton, Pct 2-Consideration and possible approval to declare equipment as surplus. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court declare as surplus a SP3000 John Deere Pneumatic Roller. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #6](#))

Item #8: Joel Kelton, Pct 2-Consideration and possible approval to sell surplus equipment on GovDeals. Commissioner Kelton moved that he be authorized to list a SP3000 John Deere Pneumatic Roller, from Precinct #2, on GovDeals.com. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #6 as listed above.)

Item #9: Karen Opiela, Elections Administrator-Consideration and possible approval of Order to Adopt/not Adopt Joint Election Agreement between by and between Brown County and Ranger College for the November 7, 2017 Election. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve a Joint Election Agreement And Contract For Election Services Between Brown County, Texas and Ranger College and authorize Judge West to sign the agreement. Brown County will split the costs, 50/50, with Ranger College, to conduct this election. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #7](#))

Item #10: Budget Workshop. No action.

Item #11: Ray West, County Judge-Public Hearing on Proposed Budget FY 2017-2018. Judge West opened the public hearing and asked for questions or comments, from the audience. Sheriff Vance Hill and District Clerk Cheryl Jones asked the Court to consider a 3% pay raise for each county employee. No action was taken. Judge West recessed the public hearing.

Item #12: Ray West, County Judge-Consideration and possible adoption of Proposed Budget FY 2017-2018. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court adopt the Brown County Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018, as proposed. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #8](#))

Item #13: Ray West, County Judge-Consideration and possible ratification of tax rate. Commissioner Worley moved that the Court ratify the Tax Rate, for Fiscal Year 2017/2018 that was adopted on September 14, 2017. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

E. Reports. The September 18, 2017 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. ([Exhibit #9](#))

The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by the Sheriff's Department, for filing. ([Exhibit #10](#))

Brown County Surveyor Don King reported on the progress of repairing some plats.

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Worley 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. Recess. Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Kelton, seconded by Commissioner Worley and carried unanimously, the Brown County Commissioners Court recessed at 10:05 A.M. until October 2, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom.

