

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on September 10, 2018 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. No action.**
- 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: Vance Hill, Sheriff-and Courthouse Security Committee-Discussion and possible approval to upgrade courthouse security equipment. John Greeson, Sales Manager for Guardian Security Solutions, LC, presented four proposals, for upgrading the courthouse security equipment. The proposal numbers were #5676, #7536, #4537 and #7619. After discussion, with Mr. Greeson, Sheriff Hill, Dennis Watson and Maintenance Supervisor Carl Greer, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court accept Proposal #5676 ([Exhibit #1](#)) and Proposal #7536 ([Exhibit #2](#)), for a total price of \$61,497.00, for upgrading the courthouse security equipment. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

[\(Exhibit #1, Exhibit #2, Exhibit #3, and Exhibit #4\)](#)

Item #3: Gary Worley, Pct 1-Application to install private line, CR 213. Commissioner Worley 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 #213, in Precinct #1; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

[\(Exhibit #5\)](#)

Item #4: Sharon Ferguson, County Clerk-Public Hearing on preservation and restoration of the County Clerk's Records Archive. Judge Pro-Tem Kelton opened the public hearing on the preservation and restoration of the County Clerk's Archive Plan and asked for questions or comments, from the audience. There were none. Judge Pro-Tem Kelton closed the public hearing.

Item #5: Sharon Ferguson, County Clerk-Consideration and possible approval of County Clerk's Records Archival Plan/Fee. After discussion, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court sign an Order to adopt the County Clerk's Records Archival Plan/Fee presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #6](#))

Item #6: Cheryl Jones, District Clerk-Public Hearing on preservation and restoration of the District Clerk's Records Archive. Judge Pro-Tem Kelton opened the public hearing on the preservation and restoration of the District Clerk's Archive Plan and asked for questions or comments, from the audience. There were none. Judge Pro-Tem Kelton closed the public hearing.

Item #7: Cheryl Jones, District Clerk-Consideration and possible approval of District Clerk's Records Archival Plan/Fee. After discussion, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court sign an Order to adopt the District Clerk's Records Archival Plan/Fee, as presented by District Clerk Cheryl Jones. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #7](#))

Item #8: Second Public Hearing on the 2018-2019 Proposed Tax Rate. Judge Pro-Tem Kelton opened the second public hearing on the 2018/2019 Proposed Tax Rate and asked for questions or comments from the audience. There were none. Judge Pro-Tem Kelton closed the second public hearing.

Item #9: Consideration and possible approval of the proposed tax rate. The Court adopted, by Resolution, the tax rates for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 as proposed:

General Fund Rate	0.4664	motion by Commissioner Worley second by Commissioner Shaw vote: 4-0
Debt Service Rate	0.0523	motion by Commissioner Worley second by Commissioner Traweek vote: 4-0
Road and Flood Rate	0.0960	motion by Commissioner Worley second by Commissioner Shaw vote: 4-0
Total Tax Rate	0.6147	motion by Commissioner Worley second by Commissioner Shaw vote: 4-0

This tax rate will effectively raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's rate by 2.61%. This year's levy to fund maintenance and operations expenditures exceeds last year's maintenance and operations tax levy. ([Exhibit #8](#))

E. Reports. The September 10, 2018 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](#))

Commissioner Worley clarified, to the public, that the elected officials are not the only people receiving a pay raise. Every Brown County employee will receive a pay raise.

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 to approve. ([Exhibit #11](#))

G. Recess. Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Traweek and carried unanimously, the Brown County Commissioners Court recessed at 10:20 A.M. until September 17, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom.

