

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on February 13, 2012 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
BOB CLARK	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1
JOEL KELTON	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2
RICHARD GIST	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3
LARRY TRAWEEK	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

Also present:

SHARON FERGUSON	COUNTY CLERK
JOSIE CONTRERAS	ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR
AMY HAMRICK	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

A. Opening prayer. Commissioner Gist led the Court in the invocation.

B. Reading and approval of minutes. Commissioner Traweek moved that the minutes of the February 6, 2012 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Clark 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, Precinct #2-Consideration and possible approval of burn ban. Discussion, no action.

Item #2: Suzy Young-Consideration and possible approval of changing seasonal part-time employee, Shirley Keyes, to full-time employee. After discussion, Commissioner Gist moved that Brown County Elections Administrator, Suzy Young, be authorized to hire Shirley Keyes as a full-time employee. Shirley Keyes is currently a seasonal part-time employee at the Elections Administration Office. The motion died for lack of a second. (Exhibit #1)

Item #3: Brent Bush-Consideration and possible approval of attendance to Texas Emergency Management Conference on April 2-April 5, 2012. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize Brent Bush, Emergency Management Coordinator, to attend the Texas Emergency Management Conference in San Antonio, Texas on April 2 through April 5, 2012. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #2)

Item #4: Jim Cavanaugh-Consideration and possible approval of ITicket. Commissioner Traweck moved that the Court approve a Contract, between Brown County and Graves Humphries Stahl, LTD, to electronically file citations, issued in Brown County and provided by the Texas Department of Public Safety, to Brown County's Justice of the Peace Court(s). The annual fee to GHS, of \$4,000.00, will be paid from the Justice of the Peace Technology Fund. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #3)

Item #5: Tammy Brown, Dam Volunteer Fire Department- Presentation regarding Fire Academy. Tami Brown, representing the Central Texas Wildfire Academy, informed to Court that the Texas Forest Service and the Dam Volunteer Fire Department are sponsoring the 10th annual Brownwood Wildfire Academy on February 17 through February 20, 2012 at the Camp Bowie Training Facility, Brownwood, Texas and invited all of them to attend. (Exhibit #4)

E. Reports. The February 13, 2012 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #5)

Commissioner Traweek read a statement, to the Court and the audience, in reference to the February 6, 2012 agenda Item #1. (Exhibit #6)

Claude Cox asked the Court about improvements that could be made to two low water crossings, on CR #332 and CR #333, in Precinct #3.

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Traweek moved that the claims, as presented by Assistant County Auditor Josie Contreras, be paid. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #7)

G. Approval of Treasurer's/Auditor's Report. The Total Of Funds Under The Care & Custody Of Brown County Treasurer And Auditor's Report for January 2012 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Kelton and a second by Commissioner Clark. The Court voted 5-0 to approve. An Affidavit, with the report attached, was signed and prepared for publication, according to Section 114.026 of the Texas Local Government Code. (Exhibit #8)

H. Recess. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court recess until February 21, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

