

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on March 12, 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:**

<b>E. RAY WEST III</b>	<b>COUNTY JUDGE</b>
<b>BOB CLARK</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1</b>
<b>JOEL KELTON</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2</b>
<b>RICHARD GIST</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3</b>
<b>LARRY TRAWEEK</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4</b>

**Also present:**

<b>SHARON FERGUSON</b>	<b>COUNTY CLERK</b>
<b>NINA COX</b>	<b>COUNTY AUDITOR</b>
<b>AMY HAMRICK</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT</b>

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

**B. Reading and approval of minutes. Commissioner Kelton moved that the minutes of the March 5, 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: Joel Kelton, Precinct #2-Application to install buried water line, CR #101. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve an application, made by the City of Brownwood, to install a buried water line within the right-of-way of County Road #101, in Precinct #2; subject to Brown County specifications. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**(Exhibit #1)**

**Item #3: Keith Allen-Consideration and possible approval of purchase of new water fountain for 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Judge West moved that the Court approve the purchase of a new water cooler for use on the third floor of the courthouse. The purchase price, of \$686.70 plus freight, will be paid from the equipment fund. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**Item #4: Keith Allen-Consideration and possible approval of commencement of repairs to baluster and rails on north side balcony. Discussion, no action.**

**Judge West moved that the Court recess until 11:00 a.m., this date, to discuss Item #5 and Item #6. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**Judge West called the Regular Session back to order at 11:27 a.m. Members of the Court present were:**

<b>E.Ray West III</b>	<b>County Judge</b>
<b>Bob Clark</b>	<b>Commissioner, Precinct No. 1</b>
<b>Joel Kelton</b>	<b>Commissioner, Precinct No. 2</b>
<b>Richard Gist</b>	<b>Commissioner, Precinct No. 3</b>
<b>Larry Traweek</b>	<b>Commissioner, Precinct No. 4</b>

**Also present:**

<b>Sharon Ferguson</b>	<b>County Clerk</b>
<b>Nina Cox</b>	<b>County Auditor</b>
<b>Amy Hamrick</b>	<b>Administrative Assistant</b>
<b>Suzy Young</b>	<b>Elections Administrator</b>

**Item #5: Suzy Young-Consideration and possible approval of purchase of 6 laptops to be paid for out of HAVA and contract funds. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court approve a proposal, from VOTEC Election Management Software & Services, to install 6 Electronic Poll Books in Brown County. The total investment price of \$10,935.00, including maintenance, will be paid using \$5,600.00 from HAVA Funds and \$5,335.00 from the Election Administration Fund. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #2)**

**Item #6: Suzy Young-Consideration and possible approval of Interlocal Agreement with the City of Brady and Brady ISD for lease of elections equipment and services. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve, with changes, an Interlocal Agreement For Election Services Between The City of Brady, Brady Independent School District And Brown County Texas for the lease of voting system equipment from the Brown County Elections Administrations Office. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #3)**

**Item #7: Suzy Young-Consideration and possible approval of Amended Resolution for Democratic and Republican Primary Election (May 29, 2012). Commissioner Clark moved that the Court approve Amendment One to the Primary Joint Resolution that authorizes a Joint Contract by and among, David Bullion, Democratic County Chair, and Brad Locker, Republican County Chair, and Suzy Young, County Elections Officer of Brown County, Texas, for the conduct and supervision of the Brown County Joint Primary Election on May 29, 2012 and the Brown County Joint Primary Runoff Election, if necessary, on July 31, 2012. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #2)**

**Item #8: D.C. Moore-Presentation, consideration and possible approval of 2012 Commemorative Town Poster. Judge West moved that the Court approve the purchase of a 2012 Commemorative Town Poster, of the Courthouse. The price is \$360.00 and will be paid for from non-departmental miscellaneous. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. Commissioner Kelton abstained.**

**Item #9: Larry Traweek, Precinct #4-Application to install water utility easement, CR #105. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve an application, made by Randy Smith, to install a buried water line within the right-of-way of County Road #105, in Precinct #4; subject to Brown County specifications. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #5)**

**Item #10: Brent Bush-Consideration and possible approval of building storage facility for Emergency Communication Trailer in conjunction with planned construction by the City of Brownwood. Discussion, no action.**

**E. Reports. The March 12, 2012 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #6)**

**F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Traweek moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Nina Cox, be paid. Commissioner Clark 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 February 2012 was approved after a motion by Judge West and a second by Commissioner Traweek. 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 Clark moved that the Court recess until March 19, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.**

