

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on January 7, 2014 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
NINA COX	COUNTY AUDITOR
AMY HAMRICK	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

A. Opening prayer. Leland Acker, Pastor of Grace Pointe Baptist Church, in Brownwood, Texas, led the Court in the invocation.

B. Reading and approval of minutes. Commissioner Worley moved that the minutes of the December 16, 2013, December 23, 2013 and December 31, 2013 meetings be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Kelton 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: Ray West-Discussion concerning the creation of a County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone. After discussion, with Evan Autry, from State Representative Jim Keffer's office, concerning the creation of a County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone, no action was taken.

Item #2: Joel Kelton, Pct 2-Consideration and possible approval of burn ban. After discussion, Commissioner Traweck moved that the Court implement a burn ban, effective immediately. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

(Exhibit #1) (Amended January 13, 2014 to include: After discussion, of the conditions in the County, that are conducive to fires, Commissioner Traweck moved that the Court implement the burn ban.)

Item #3: Gina Jameson, Big Brothers Big Sisters-Consideration and possible approval of Proclamation declaring January as "National Mentoring Month". Judge West moved that the Court adopt a Proclamation to proclaim January, 2014 as National Mentoring Month in Brown County, Texas. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #2)

Item #4: Ray West-Consideration and possible approval of a replacement Brown County representative for Brown County Appraisal District Board. Judge West asked the Court for names of possible representatives for the Brown County Appraisal District Board. Commissioner Kelton nominated Jeff Phillips, Commissioner Shaw nominated Barry Miller, and Commissioner Worley nominated Vanessa Stewart-Gordon. After discussion, Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court approve Barry Miller as the Brown County representative for the Brown County Appraisal District Board. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. Commissioner Kelton did not vote.

Item #5: Suzy Young-Consideration and possible approval of joint resolution for primary election. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve a Joint Resolution And Statistical Information For Joint Primary Election on March 4, 2014 and Joint Primary Runoff Election, if necessary, on May 27, 2014. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)

Item #6: Suzy Young-Consideration and possible approval of cash advance for Mid-Winter Conference. No action.

Item #7: Tony Aaron-Consideration and possible approval for purchase of patrol vehicles and emergency equipment for the vehicles. After discussion, with Captain Tony Aaron, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court authorize the Sheriff's Department to purchase four (4) 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe vehicles at \$27,447.00 each for a total of \$109,788.00, from Caldwell Country Chevrolet. The motion also included the authorization for expenditures, not to exceed \$18,212.00, to purchase emergency equipment, for the four (4) vehicles. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #4\)](#)

Item #8: Tony Aaron-Consideration and possible approval of tactical equipment purchases. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize the Sheriff's Department to purchase tactical equipment, from GT Distributors-Austin. The purchase price, of \$3,318.70 will be paid for by using funds from the Bullet Proof Vest Fund and from the Equitable Forfeiture Sharing Fund, equally. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #5\)](#)

Item #9: Sheriff's Office-Employee changes. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court authorize the following personnel changes at the Sheriff's Department:

Ashton Arnold/Jailer/employed

transferred from Kitchen Jailer effective 01-01-2014

Charles Lawson/discontinued as jailer

transferred to Jailer Sgt. effective 12-11-2013 ([Exhibit #6](#))

Caleb Studdard/Jailer/employed

effective 01-02-2014

Rhonda Joyner/promoted from Jailer to Jailer Sgt.

effective 11-08-2013 ([Exhibit #7](#))

Christina Calleros/Jail Visitation Clerk/employed

Mason Murray/Jail Visitation Clerk/discontinued

effective 10-30-2013 ([Exhibit #8](#))

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

Item #10: Gary Worley, Pct 1-Application to install utility line, CR 236. Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve an application, made by GTE Southwest dba Verizon Southwest, to install a buried communication line, within the right-of-way of County Road #236, in Precinct #1; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #9](#))

Item #11: Ray West-Consideration and possible approval of replacement heater for shop at Extension Office. After discussion, with Extension Agent Scott Anderson, Judge West moved that the Court approve the purchase of a new gas furnace heater, for \$1,632.00, from Dewight McMillian, for the shop at the Extension Office. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #10](#))

Item #12: Joel Kelton, Pct 2-Application to install utility easement, CR 444. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve an application, made by Windstream Communications, to install a buried communication line, within the right-of-way of County Road #444, in Precinct #2; subject to Brown County specifications. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #11](#))

E. Reports. The January 7, 2014 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. ([Exhibit #12](#))

The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by the Sheriff's Department, for filing. ([Exhibit #13](#))

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Worley moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Nina Cox, be paid. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #14](#))

G. Adjourn. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court adjourn until January 13, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

