

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on February 10, 2014 at 1:30 P.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. Rick Phelps led the Court in the invocation.**
- B. Reading and approval of minutes. Commissioner Kelton moved that the minutes of the February 3, 2014 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, no action was taken. The burn ban remains in effect. Judge West reminded the public that there are exceptions to the burn ban. They may contact their county commissioner for instructions.

Item #2: Nina Cox-Consideration and possible approval of electricity contract. Judge West moved that the Court approve the contract, with TXU Energy, for electricity supplies for County owned facilities, on a 39 month fixed price of \$0.05029 per kilowatt hour and authorize County Auditor Nina Cox to sign the contract. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

(Exhibit #1)

Item #3: Nina Cox-Consideration and possible approval of shredder for tax assessor collector department. Judge West moved that the Court authorize Tax Assessor Collector Christine Pentecost to purchase a commercial shredder, for the State Contract price of \$1,635.00, from Staples. This purchase will be paid for from the Non-Departmental Equipment Fund and will be used by various county offices. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #2)

Item #4: Suzy Young-Consideration and possible approval of early voting and election day signs. Commissioner Worley moved that Elections Administrator Suzy Young, be authorized to purchase 10 crowd control poles at \$155.00 each for a total of \$1,550.00, four (4) wind sign frames and bases at \$153.00 each for a total of \$612.00, and eight (8) custom inserts at \$35.00 each for a total of \$280.00 and \$300.00 for shipping. The grand total, \$2,742.00, will be paid from Election Office Supplies. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)

Item #5: Wayne Shaw, Pct 3-Application to install private line, CR 337. Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court approve an application, made by Zephyr Water Supply, to install a buried water line, within the right-of-way of County Road #337, in Precinct #3; subject to Brown County specifications for boring a road. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #4\)](#)

Item #6: Chris Weber & Scott Drake, Dam Volunteer Fire Department-Consideration and possible approval of burning permits associated with Fire Academy. After discussion, with Chris Weber, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve a request, from Chris Weber and the Dam Volunteer Fire Department, to authorize an exception to the burn ban for February 12 through February 18, 2014. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #5, Exhibit #6, and Exhibit #7\)](#)

E. Reports. The February 10, 2014 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing.

(Exhibit #8)

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Shaw moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Nina Cox, be paid. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #9)

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, 2014 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Shaw 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 #10)

H. Recess. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court recess until February 18, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

