

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on May 19, 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:**

<b>E. RAY WEST III</b>	<b>COUNTY JUDGE</b>
<b>GARY WORLEY</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1</b>
<b>JOEL KELTON</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2</b>
<b>WAYNE SHAW</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>T'ANNA MCCLURE</b>	<b>INDIGENT HEALTH COORDINATOR</b>

- A. Opening prayer. Rick Phelps led the Court in the invocation.**
- B. Reading and approval of minutes. Commissioner Traweek moved that the minutes of the May 12, 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.**

**Item #2: Scott Anderson, Kim Miles and Nick Gonzales- Presentation of “Building a Better Texas” award. Scott Anderson, County Extension Agent-AG, Kim Miles, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Science, and Nick Gonzales, CEA-Youth Development, presented The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Building a Better Texas Award to the County of Brown for its continued partnership in extending knowledge and providing solutions for all Texans. The Court accepted the award on behalf of Brown County.**

**Item #3: Sharon Ferguson-Consideration and possible approval of oath and bond for C.T. Ham, Constable Precinct 3. Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court accept, for filing, the Official Bond and Oath for C.T. Ham, Brown County Constable Precinct #3. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #1\)](#)**

**Item #4: Ken Thomas, City of Early-Application to install private line, CR 344. Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court approve an application, made by Ken Thomas/City of Early, to install a buried water line, within the right-of-way of County Road #344, in Precinct #3; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #2\)](#)**

**Item #5: Ray West-Consideration and possible approval to reappoint Dr. James Hays to the Local Health Authority for Brown County. Judge West moved that the Court approve the re-appointment of James Hays, M.D., for a two year term, as the Local Health Authority for the Brownwood/Brown County Health Department. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**Item #6: Joel Kelton, Pct 2-Consideration and possible approval to advertise for crushed base and oversize rock for Precinct 2. Commissioner Kelton moved that he be authorized to advertise for crushed base material and oversized rock for Precinct #2. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**Item #7: Gary Worley, Pct 1-Consideration and possible approval of Indigent Healthcare solutions LTD software. Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve an IHS Non-Exclusive License Agreement, from Indigent Healthcare Solutions, Ltd. (IHS), for upgraded software for the county's indigent health care, for an expenditure of \$1,512.00 per month, beginning August 1, 2014. The months of June and July 2014 will be at no costs. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**(Exhibit #3)**

**Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court authorize Judge West to sign the Contract, between Indigent Healthcare Solutions Ltd. (IHS) and Brown County. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**Item #8: Ross Bradley, Guardian EMS-Consideration and approval of proposed Contract assignment and extension to Allegiance Ambulance. After discussion, with Ross Bradley, from Guardian EMS and David Phillips, CEO of Allegiance Ambulance, Commissioner Traweek moved that the County approve the assignment of the Agreement For Ambulance And Emergency Medical Services, between Brown County and Powell Professional of West Texas LLC d/b/a Guardian EMS, to Allegiance Ambulance. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**Judge West moved that the Court authorize the new Agreement for three (3) years, effective the date that it is signed, and shall be subject to two (2) consecutive automatic five (5) year extensions to the term. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-2 to approve with Commissioner Shaw and Commissioner Kelton voting nay. [\(Exhibit #4\)](#)**

**Item #9: Ray West-Consideration and possible approval of alternate part time fill ins for County Court Administrator. Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court authorize Judge West to hire part-time temporary employees, for the County Judge's Office, based on availability, when the County Judge's Administrator is not available. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #5\)](#)**

**Item #10: Ray West-Consideration and possible approval of designation of mail recipient office for Courthouse mail deliveries. After discussion, Judge West moved that the Court designate Room 320, on the third floor of the courthouse, as the central drop-off point, for any courthouse mail that does not already have a room or suite number as part of the address. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-1 to approve with Commissioner Kelton voting nay.**

**Item #11: Ray West-Consideration and possible action regarding implementation of tax exemption for residential (homestead) owners 65 and older, and/or disabled in Brown County, pursuant to Art. VIII, Sec. 1-b (h) Texas Constitution.**

**After discussion, Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court rescind the Resolution that was approved at the May 12, 2014 Commissioners Court meeting (listed as Exhibit #1), concerning tax exemptions for residential (homestead) owners 65 and older, and/or disabled in Brown County. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**After discussion, with Nancy Byler, representing Brown County as a Texas Silver-Haired Legislator, Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court approve the implementation of a tax exemption (for County taxes) on residential homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly (over 65) and their spouses in Brown County. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 2-3 to oppose with Commissioner Worley, Commissioner Traweek, and Judge West voting nay.**

**SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA – MAY 19, 2014 AT 9:45 A.M.**

**Item #1: Ray West-Consideration and possible approval of engagement of Anita Dunlap for implementation of her recommendations concerning the clarification, correction, and update of Indigent Health Care Program and Program Records, and training of Indigent Healthcare personnel for Brown County.**

**After discussion, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court engage the services of Anita Dunlap, Independent Contractor Indigent/Inmate Medical Management Services, to assist Brown County Indigent Health Care to rectify assessment findings and areas of concern to the county, and provide complete training of indigent health care personnel. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve [\(Exhibit #6\)](#)**

**E. Reports. The May 19, 2014 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing.**

**(Exhibit #7)**

**The Pretrial Report was presented by Indigent Defense Coordinator/Pretrial Services Director Nita Richardson, for filing.**

**(Exhibit #8)**

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

**G. Recess. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court recess until June 2, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Woley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

