

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on September 8, 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

- A. Opening prayer. Rick Phelps led the Court in the invocation.**
- B. Reading and approval of minutes. Commissioner Worley moved that the minutes of the September 2, 2014 meeting 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: Joel Kelton, Pct 1-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding burn ban. After discussion, no action was taken. The burn ban remains lifted.

Item #2: Lewis Lehman, Brown County Farm Bureau-Consideration and possible approval of Resolution regarding EPA Clean Water Act. After discussion, with Lewis Lehman, representing the Brown County Farm Bureau, Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve a Resolution stating that Brown County strongly opposes the proposed new rule to define “waters of the United States” in that it increases the need for burdensome and costly permitting requirements, infringes on private property rights, and circumvents the legislative process, thus, the will of the people. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #1\)](#)

Item #3: Sharon Ferguson, County Clerk-Consideration and possible approval for lease of copiers for County Clerk’s office. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the lease proposal, from Kirbo’s Office Systems, for two new Canon ImageRUNNER ADVANCE 4245 copiers/printer/scanners for the County Clerk’s Office. In addition, Kirbo’s will provide a Lexmark M5155, at no extra cost, to run certificates that require special paper. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #2\)](#)

Item #4: Public hearing on proposed tax rate. Judge West asked for comments from the audience. There were none. Judge West announced that the second public hearing, on the proposed tax rate, will be held on September 12, 2014. [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)

Item #5: Budget Hearings. After discussion, no action was taken.

E. Reports. The September 8, 2014 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. [\(Exhibit #4\)](#)

Don King, Brown County Surveyor, informed the Court that he will not be purchasing AutoCAD 2014 technology software for platting rules and regulations. Mr. King was authorized to purchase this software at the August 18, 2014 Commissioners Court meeting.

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Traweek 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. [\(Exhibit #5\)](#)

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 August, 2014 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Worley and a second by Commissioner Shaw. 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. [\(Exhibit #6\)](#)

H. Recess. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court recess until September 12, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

