

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on December 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
T'ANNA MCCLURE	INDIGENT HEALTH COORDINATOR

- 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 December 1, 2014 and the minutes of the December 4, 2014 meetings be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Traweek 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 lifted.

Item #2: Christine Pentecost, Tax Assessor Collector-Information report education credits in compliance with Section 6.231 of the Texas Property Tax Code.

The Tax Assessor-Collector Continuing Education Transcript, as required by SB546, was presented by Brown County Tax Assessor-Collector Christine Pentecost, for filing. [\(Exhibit #1\)](#)

Item #3: Sheriff's Office-Employee changes. Commissioner Traweck moved that the Court approve the following personnel changes at the Sheriff's Department:

**Vance Hill/promoted to Captain of Operations
effective 12-01-2014**

**Tony Aaron/discontinued as Captain of Operations
effective 12-01-2014 [\(Exhibit #2\)](#)**

**James Stroope/promoted to CID
effective 12-03-2014**

**Vance Hill/discontinued as CID
effective 12-01-2014 [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)**

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

Item #4: Cheryl Jones, District Clerk-Consideration and possible approval of replacement employees. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the following personnel changes in the District Clerk's Office:

**Mary Lou Aldape/Deputy District Clerk/employed
effective 12-15-2014**

**Melisa Blanton/Deputy District Clerk/discontinued
effective 11-25-2014 ([Exhibit #4](#))**

**Jacie Gardner/Deputy District Clerk/employed
effective 12-08-2014**

**Tasha Harris/Deputy District Clerk/discontinued
effective 12-31-2014 ([Exhibit #5](#))**

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

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court recess to the Brown County Extension Offices at 605 Fisk Avenue, Brownwood, Texas to consider Item #5. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #5: Scott Anderson, County Extension Agent-Presentation of Extension Program Interpretation (recess and reconvene at the Extension Offices at 605 Fisk Avenue, Brownwood, Texas).

Judge West reconvened the Court at 10:00 A.M., at the Extension Office. Discussion followed with Scott Anderson, County Extension Agent-AG, Nick Gonzales, CEA-Youth and Development, Kim Miles, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Science, Brittany Bean, Extension Program Assistant, and Misty Fuqua, Office Manager, as they presented their 2014 Activity Reports. The Court commended them on their good work. No action was taken.

[\(Exhibit #6, Exhibit #7, Exhibit #8, and Exhibit #9\)](#)

E. Reports. The December 8, 2014 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing.

[\(Exhibit #10\)](#)

Sharon Ferguson, Brown County Clerk, reported that her office has received a Five Star Vital Registration 2014 Award, from the Texas Department of State Health Services, for excellence in vital registration.

Tax Note Road Expense Reports were presented to all four Commissioners by Brown County Auditor Nina Cox and for filing.

[\(Exhibit #11\)](#)

The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by the Sheriff's Department, for filing. [\(Exhibit #12\)](#)

Auditor Nina Cox reported on results of a meeting that she and Nita Richardson, Brown County Indigent Defense Coordinator/Pretrial Services Director, attended in Austin on the approval by the TIDC to award Brown County \$200,000.00 for extra ordinary expenses relating to the five (5) capital murder cases tried in Brown County.

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Worley moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Nina Cox, be paid. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #13)[Exhibits\13 Claims 12-08-2014.pdf](#)

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 November, 2014 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Shaw and a second by Commissioner Kelton. 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 #14](#))

H. Recess. Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court recess until December 15, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

