

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on February 9, 2015 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 Kelton moved that the minutes of the February 2, 2015 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 lifted.**

**Item #2: Chris Weber-Presentation regarding Fire Academy. Chris Weber, representing the Central Texas Wildfire Academy, informed the Court that the Texas A&M Forest Service and the Dam Volunteer Fire Department are sponsoring the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Central Texas Wildfire Academy on February 11 through the 15, 2015 at the Camp Bowie Training Facility, Brownwood, Texas and invited everyone to attend. The Court commended them on their good work.**

**[\(Exhibit #1\)](#)**

**Item #3: Chris Weber-Consideration and possible approval of burning permits associated with Fire Academy. No action.**

**Item #4: Joel Kelton, Pct 2-Application to install private line, CR 415. Commissioner Kelton moved that an application, made by RLS Oil & Gas, to install a buried water line, within the right-of-way of County Road #415, in Precinct #2, be approved; 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: Joel Kelton, Pct 2-Application to install private line, CR 423. Commissioner Kelton moved that an application, made by Zephyr Water Supply, to install a buried line, within the right-of-way of County Road #423, in Precinct #2, be approved; subject to Brown County specifications. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)**

**Item #6: Larry Traweek, Pct 4-Consideration and possible approval of equipment purchase. Commissioner Traweek moved that he be authorized to trade-in a 1998 John Deere backhoe and purchase a 2011 Caterpillar backhoe, for use in Precinct #4. The purchase price, for the Caterpillar backhoe is \$44,900.00, less \$13,000 trade-in for the John Deere, which makes the total cost for the 2011 Caterpillar backhoe \$31,900.00. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**Item #7: Ray West, County Judge-Consideration and possible approval of allocation of Child Safety Fee (collected by Brown County Tax Assessor Collector) to Heart of Texas Children's Advocacy Center. After discussion, with Lisa Marks, representing CASA and Heart of Texas Children's Advocacy Center, Judge West moved that the Court authorize that the Child Safety Fee, collected by the Tax Assessor Collector, be allocated in equal shares to CASA and to Heart of Texas Children's Advocacy Center, after 10 percent administration fee, of the funds collected, is made payable to the County. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**Item #8: Nina Cox, Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of budget amendment for Indigent Defense Grant Personnel. No action.**

**E. Reports. The February 9, 2015 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. [\(Exhibit #4\)](#)**

**County Clerk Sharon Ferguson reported to the Court that the Official Public Records are now assessable on-line.**

**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. [\(Exhibit #5\)](#)**

**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 January, 2015 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. [\(Exhibit #6\)](#)**

**H. Recess. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court recess until February 23, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

