

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on August 24, 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>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>

**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 August 17, 2015 and the August 18, 2015 meetings be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 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: 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 Transcripts, as required by Texas Property Tax Code Section 6.23(d), was presented by Brown County Tax Assessor-Collector Christine Pentecost, for filing. [\(Exhibit #1\)](#)**

**Item#3: Christine Pentecost, Tax Assessor Collector-Consideration and possible approval of County Optional Fees. After discussion, Judge West moved that the imposition of optional fees for calendar year 2016 be submitted to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles with no changes. Road and Bridge Fee will still be \$10.00 per each vehicle registration and Child Safety Fee will still be \$1.50 per each vehicle registration. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #2\)](#)**

**Item #4: Nina Cox, County Auditor-2015 Budget Amendments. No action.**

**Item #5: Wayne Shaw, Pct 3-Application to install private line, CR 291. 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 #291, in Precinct #3; subject to Brown County specifications for boring a road. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #3](#))**

**Item #6: Wayne Shaw, Pct 3-Application to install private line, CR 351. 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 #351, in Precinct #3; subject to Brown County specifications for boring a road. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #4](#))**

**Item #7: Sheriff's Office-Consideration and possible approval for purchase of vehicle with remaining funds in the BCSO Operations fund. After discussion, with Chief Deputy Sheriff Bobby Duvall and Captain Vance Hill, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize the Sheriff's Department an expenditure of \$34,359.00 to purchase a 2016 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado 4x4 Crew Cab truck and for installation of equipment on the truck. The purchase price, of \$34,359.00 will be paid using General Sheriff's Department Operations money. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #5](#))**

**Item #8: Sheriff's Office-Consideration and possible approval for purchase of conference room table and chairs for the EOC room at the Law Enforcement Center (using seized funds or discretionary funds accounts). After discussion, with Chief Deputy Sheriff Bobby Duval and Captain Vance Hill, Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court authorize the Sheriff's Department an expenditure of up to \$3,000.00 to purchase a conference room table and 10 chairs for the EOC room at the Law Enforcement Center using Sheriff's Department seized funds or discretionary funds accounts. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.**

**Item #9: Sheriff's Office-Consideration and possible approval for purchase of ballistic vests for courthouse security. After discussion, with Chief Deputy Sheriff Bobby Duval and Captain Vance Hill, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize the Sheriff's Department to purchase three (3) ballistic vests for Courthouse Security personnel. The purchase price is \$1,590.00, for all three, and will be paid for using the Bullet Proof Vest Grant and regularly budgeted Sheriff's Department funds. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #6\)](#)**

**Item #10: Budget Hearings. After discussion, no action was taken.**

**E. Reports. The August 24, 2015 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing.**

**[\(Exhibit #7\)](#)**

**Pam Jordan made a public request, to the Court, to cut down trees on County Road #551, in Precinct #4. [\(Exhibit #8\)](#)**

**F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Shaw moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Nina Cox, be paid. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #9\)](#)**

**G. Recess. Commissioner Traweck moved that the Court recess until August 31, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.**

**Approved by the BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**  
**on the                    day of September, 2015.**

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**COUNTY JUDGE**

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**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1**

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**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2**

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**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3**

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**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4**

**ATTEST**

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**SHARON FERGUSON**  
**BROWN COUNTY CLERK**

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