

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on August 31, 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>
<b>T'ANNA MCCLURE</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT</b>

**A. Opening prayer. Rick Phelps led the Court in the invocation.**

**B. Reading and approval of minutes. Commissioner Shaw moved that the minutes of the August 24, 2015 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Traweek 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: Vance Hill, Sheriff's Office-Consideration and possible approval for purchase of ballistic vests for patrol. After discussion, with Sheriff's Captain Vance Hill, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize the Sheriff's Department to purchase two (2) ballistic vests for two patrol deputies. The purchase price is \$1,060.00, for both vests, and will be paid for using the Bullet Proof Vest Grant and regularly budgeted Sheriff's Department funds. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.**

**Item #3: Roy Parrack, Constable, Pct 3-Consideration and possible approval of Sheriffs' and Constables' fees for 2016. After discussion, with Constable Precinct #3 Roy Parrack, and Sheriff's Captain Vance Hill, Commissioner Traweck moved that the Court approve the proposed Brown County 2016 Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees, with one new addition. The new addition will be for a Writ of Retrieval (also known as, and referred to as, Order of Retrieval). Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #1](#) and [Exhibit #2](#))**

**Item #4: Sharon Ferguson, County Clerk-Consideration and possible approval of replacement employee. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the following personnel changes in the County Clerk's Office:**

**Patricia "Pat" Valdez/Deputy Clerk/employed  
effective 09-01-2015**

**Kelli Ezzell/Deputy Clerk/discontinued  
effective 11-07-2014 [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)**

**Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.**

**Item #5: Don King, County Surveyor-Consideration and possible approval of plat for Charles (Dogie) Smith Estate. After discussion, with County Surveyor Don King, Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court approve the filing of a plat for The Charlie (Dogie) Smith Estate, in Precinct #3. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #4\)](#)**

**Item #6: Wayne Shaw, Pct 3-Application to install private line, CR 367. 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 #367, in Precinct #3; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #5\)](#)**



**Item #9: Ray West, County Judge-Consideration and possible approval to set dates for public hearings. Judge West moved that the Court hold the First Public Hearing, on the proposed tax increase, on September 10, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Courtroom and the Second Public Hearing, on the proposed tax increase, on September 14, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Courtroom. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

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

**Item #11: Ray West, County Judge-Consideration and possible approval of publication of proposed budget for FY 2015-2016. Judge West moved that the Court approve, for publication, the proposed budget for FY 2015-2016. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #8\)](#)**

**E. Reports. The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by the Sheriff's Department, for filing. [\(Exhibit #9\)](#)**

**The Pre-Trial Services Report, for 03-03-2014 through 08-28-2015, was presented by Indigent Defense Coordinator/Pretrial Services Director Nita Richardson, for filing. [\(Exhibit #10\)](#)**

**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 3-0 approve. ([Exhibit #11](#))**

**F. Recess. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court recess until September 10, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.**

