

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on September 10, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Courtroom, Brown County Courthouse, 200 South Broadway Brownwood, Texas. Judge Pro-Tem Kelton 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>JOSIE CONTRERAS</b>	<b>ASSISTANT 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 Traweek moved that the minutes of the August 31, 2015 meeting 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. Judge Pro-Tem Kelton offered condolences, on behalf of the Commissioner's Court, to the family and friends and the law enforcement family of Brown County Sheriff Bobby Grubbs who passed away on September 3, 2015.**

**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: Wayne Shaw, Pct 3-Application to install private line, CR 292. Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court approve an application, made by Dean Clements and Zephyr Water Supply, to install a buried water line within the right-of-way of County Road #292, 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 #1](#))**

**Item #3: Wayne Shaw, Pct 3-Consideration and possible approval for replacement employee. Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court approve the following personnel changes in Precinct #3:**

**Erik Lorah/Road Hand/employed  
effective 09-15-2015**

**Britt McClain/Road Hand/discontinued  
effective 08-15-2015 ([Exhibit #2](#))**

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

**Item #4: Gary Worley, Pct 1-Application to install private line, Whitaker Lane. This item was presented by Commissioner Traweek. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve an application, made by Brookesmith SUD, to install a water line within the right-of-way of Whitaker Lane, in Precinct #1; subject to Brown County specifications for boring a road. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #3](#))**

**Item #5: Ray West, County Judge-Public Hearing on proposed tax rate. Judge West opened the first public hearing, on the proposed tax rate, for public comment or questions. Comments were made from Rhonda Buchanan and Janet Turnbull opposing the proposed tax rate. After discussion, Judge West recessed the first public hearing and thanked both ladies for their comments. ([Exhibit #4](#))**

**Item #6: Budget Hearings. After discussion, no action was taken.**

**D. Reports. The September 10, 2015 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. ([Exhibit #5](#))**

**Rick Phelps invited the Court to the Victory Life Church sanctuary for a 9/11 Ceremony to be held on September 11, 2015 at 8:15 A.M. ([Exhibit #6](#))**

**E. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Kelton moved that the claims, as presented by Assistant County Auditor Josie Contreras, be paid. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 approve. ([Exhibit #7](#))**

**F. Adjourn. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court adjourn until September 14, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.**

