

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on December 14, 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:

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	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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 7, 2015 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

C. Recognition of visitors.

Robert Porter, Republican Party Chairman, announced that today is the last day to file for any position on the ballot for the March 1, 2016 Primary Election and that his office will be open until 6:00 P.M. to allow any Republican candidates the opportunity to do so.

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: Joel Kelton, Pct 2-Consideration and possible approval of action regarding fireworks ban, including a possible determination of extremely hazardous conditions pursuant to Texas Local Government Code section 352.051(c), and possible designations of safe areas for restricted fireworks use pursuant to Texas Local Government Code section 352.051(f). After discussion, no action was taken.

Item #3: Sharon Ferguson, County Clerk-Vital Registration Report. Sharon Ferguson, Brown County Clerk, reported that her office has received an Exemplary Five Star Vital Registration 2015 Award, from the Texas Department of State Health Services, for excellence in vital registration. ([Exhibit #1](#))

Gary Worley, Commissioner Precinct #1, informed the Court that he shall abstain from any discussion, vote, or decision involving Texas Bank, a conflict of interest, which includes Item #4 and Item #5 of this Agenda.

Item #4: Erick Macha, First Southwest-Consider all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of “Brown County, Texas, Certificates of Obligation, Series 2015A”, including the adoption of an order authorized the issuance of such obligations. After discussion, with Erick Macha, Financial Advisor/Vice President of First Southwest, and Chris Settle, Bond Council/Attorney At Law, with McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Judge West moved that the Court adopt a Certificate For Order of issuance of Brown County, Texas Certificates Of Obligation Series 2015A. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. Commissioner Worley and Commissioner Kelton abstained from voting.

([Exhibit #2](#) and [Exhibit #3](#))

Item #5: Erick Macha, First Southwest-Consider all matters incident and related to the issuance and sale of “Brown County, Texas, Certificates of Obligation, Taxable Series 2015B”, including the adoption of an order authorizing the issuance of such obligations. After discussion, with Erick Macha, Financial Advisor/Vice President of First Southwest, and Chris Settle, Bond Council/Attorney At Law, with McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Judge West moved that the Court adopt a Certificate For Order of issuance of Brown County, Texas Certificates Of Obligation Taxable Series 2015B. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. Commissioner Worley and Commissioner Kelton abstained from voting.

([Exhibit #4](#))

E. Reports. The December 14, 2015 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. ([Exhibit #5](#))

The County Indigent Health Care Program Monthly Financial Report for December, 2015 was presented by Administrative Assistant T'Anna McClure, for filing. ([Exhibit #6](#))

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Worley moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Nina Cox, be paid. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #7](#))

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, 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 #8](#))

H. Recess. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court recess until December 21, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

