

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on January 4, 2016 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
JOSIE CONTRERAS	ASSISTANT 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 21, 2015 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Traweek 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: Ray West, County Judge-Consideration and possible approval to declare Brown County property in Houston as surplus, being lots in the Brooke Smith Addition to the City of Houston more fully described in a deed from the Harris County Sheriff to Brown County, dated September 5, 1933, recorded in Volume 1477, Page 44, Harris County Deed Records. After discussion, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court declare Lots 1, 3, 4, and 5, in Block 44, of the Brooke Smith 2nd Addition, to the City of Houston, Harris County, Texas, as surplus property to be sold. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #1](#))

Item #3: Sheriff's Office-Employee changes. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize the following personnel changes at the Sheriff's Department:

**Donald Batteas/transferred from Jail to Precinct #2 Jailer
Road Crew/effective 12-28-2015**

**Brian Mackey/Jailer Road Crew/discontinued
effective 03-31-2015 ([Exhibit #2](#))**

Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #4: Larry Franks, Election Office-

a. Approve Joint Primary Services Contract

b. Approve polling locations for Primaries

Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court authorize a Joint Primary Election Services Contract by and among, Robert Porter, Republican County Chair, and Mike Bullard, Democratic County Chair, and Larry Franks, County Elections Officer of Brown County, Texas, for the conduct and supervision of the Brown County Joint Primary Election on March 1, 2016 and the Brown County Joint Primary Runoff Election, if necessary, on May 24, 2016, Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

[\(Exhibit #3\)](#) and [\(Exhibit #4\)](#)

Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve the Polling Locations for the March 1, 2016 Primary Election, as presented by Elections Administrator Larry Franks. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #5\)](#)

E. Reports. The January 4, 2016 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing.

[\(Exhibit #6\)](#)

The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by the Sheriff's Department, for filing. [\(Exhibit #7\)](#)

The Pre-Trial Services Report was presented by Indigent Defense Coordinator/Pretrial Services Director Nita Richardson, for filing.

[\(Exhibit #8\)](#)

County Clerk Sharon Ferguson reported that her office and the District Clerk's office are now mandatory for e-filing.

Vance Hill, Chief Deputy Sheriff, gave the Court an overview on the new open carry handgun law that went into effect January 1, 2016.

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Worley moved that the claims, as presented by Assistant County Auditor Josie Contreras, be paid. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 approve. [\(Exhibit #9\)](#)

G. Adjourn. Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court adjourn until January 11, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

