

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on February 8, 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  
GARY WORLEY  
JOEL KELTON  
WAYNE SHAW**

**COUNTY JUDGE  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2  
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3**

**Also present:**

**SHARON FERGUSON  
NINA COX  
T'ANNA MCCLURE**

**COUNTY CLERK  
COUNTY AUDITOR  
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 February 1, 2016 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Worley 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, of the conditions in the County, that are conducive to fires, Commissioner Worley moved that the Court find that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.**

**Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve a Resolution and Order implementing the burn ban, until further notice. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #1\)](#)**

**Item #2: Vance Hill, Chief Deputy-Consideration and possible approval to purchase emergency equipment and install for new Sheriff's Office vehicles. After discussion, with Chief Deputy Sheriff Vance Hill, no action was taken.**

**Item #3: Chris Weber, Dam Volunteer Fire Department-Presentation regarding Fire Academy. Chris Weber, representing the Central Texas Wildfire Academy, informed the Court that the Texas A&M Forest Service and the Dam Volunteer Fire Department are sponsoring the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Central Texas Wildfire Academy on February 11-14, 2016 at the Camp Bowie Training Facility, Brownwood, Texas and invited everyone to attend. [\(Exhibit #2\)](#)**

**Item #4: Chris Weber, Dam Volunteer Fire Department- Consideration and possible approval of burning permits associated with Fire Academy. Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve burning permits associated with the Central Texas Wildfire Academy. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**Item #5: Sharon Ferguson, County Clerk-Consideration and possible approval of back file, imaging and indexing OPR (land records) from Kofile. After discussion, with Stacy Cortesano, Account Manager, with Kofile Technologies, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize County Clerk Sharon Ferguson to sign a County Acceptance contract between Brown County and Kofile Technologies, for back file imaging and indexing County Clerk land volumes 1981 through 1972. This project will cost approximately \$215,790.88 and will be funded from the County Clerk Records Archive Fund using the TXMAS System and may be paid over a two year period. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #3\)](#)**

**Item #6: Larry Franks, Elections Administrator-Discussion for hiring a part time employee. Larry Franks, Interim Elections Administrator, informed the Court that he has hired Grace Hefner to work part-time, for a couple of weeks, at the Elections Administration Office.**

**E. Reports. The February 8, 2016 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing.**

**[\(Exhibit #4\)](#)**

**The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by the Sheriff's Department, for filing. [\(Exhibit #5\)](#)**

**F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Worley 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. [\(Exhibit #6\)](#)**

**G. Approval of Treasurer's/Auditors Report. The Amended Total Of Funds Under the Care & Custody Of Brown County Treasurer And Auditor's Report For December, 2015 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Worley and a second by Judge West. The Court voted 4-0 to approve. [\(Exhibit #7\)](#)**

**The Total Of Funds Under The Care & Custody Of Brown County Treasurer And Auditor's Report For January, 2016 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Kelton and a second by Commissioner Worley. The Court voted 4-0 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 February 16, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.**

