

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on February 16, 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:**

<b>E. RAY WEST III</b>	<b>COUNTY JUDGE</b>
<b>GARY WORLEY</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1</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. Leland Acker led the Court in the invocation.**
- B. Reading and approval of minutes. Commissioner Worley moved that the minutes of the February 8, 2016 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 the burn ban. After discussion, no action was taken. The burn ban remains in effect.**

**Item #2: Mechail Cox, Emergency Management Coordinator-Report on Code Red. Mechail Cox, Brown County Emergency Management Coordinator, reported on the current renewal terms concerning CodeRED Emergency Notification System. ([Exhibit #1](#))**

**Item #3: Gary Worley, Pct 1-Application to install water line, CR 231. Commissioner Worley moved that an application, made by Brookesmith Special Utility District, to install a buried water line within the right-of-way of County Road #231, in Precinct #1, be approved; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #2](#))**

**Item #4: Gary Worley, Pct 1-Application to install water line, CR 226. Commissioner Worley moved that an application, made by Brookesmith Special Utility District, to install a buried water line within the right-of-way of County Road #226, in Precinct #1, be approved; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #3](#))**

**Item #5: Vance Hill, Chief Deputy-Present Racial Profiling report. Vance Hill, Brown County Sheriff Chief Deputy, presented the Brown County Sheriff's Office 2015 Racial Profiling Report, for filing. ([Exhibit #4](#))**

**Item #6: Vance Hill, Chief Deputy-Consideration and possible approval to purchase equipment for Ford Explorers. After discussion, with Brown County Sheriff Chief Deputy Vance Hill, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize the Sheriff's Department an expenditure of \$9,606.74 to equip two new Ford Explorers with emergency equipment. The expense will be paid to Big Country Supply from the Sheriff's Operations budget. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #5](#))**

**Item #7: Ray West, County Judge-Consideration and possible approval for hiring and salary of Elections Administrator. After discussion, Judge West moved that the Court authorize him a \$45,000.00 cap in negotiating an annual salary for Karen Opiela as the Brown County Elections Administrator. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-1 to approve. Commissioner Kelton voted nay.**

**Item #8: Nina Cox, County Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of courthouse security overtime. After discussion, with Auditor Nina Cox, Treasurer Ann Krpoun, and Chief Deputy Vance Hill, Judge West moved that the Court approve that any hours, spent by Brown County Security, related to the McKinstry Project, while McKinstry personnel are working onsite after hours or on weekends, at the courthouse, are to be paid time and one-half. This only applies to the McKinstry Project regardless of the number of hours any security person worked during the week and the security personnel are to be paid double time on holidays. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-1 to approve. Commissioner Kelton voted nay.**

**Item #9: Ray West, County Judge-Consideration and possible approval of Resolution for preservation of historic bridge on CR 225 at Clear Creek. Judge West moved that the Court approve a Resolution for the County to retain ownership of the historic Dulan Bridge, located on County Road #225 at Clear Creek, in Precinct #1, and to maintain the bridge in its existing location. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. Ronnie Lappe, representing the Historical Commission, informed the Court that the Historical Commission is in favor of this Resolution.**

**[\(Exhibit #6](#) and [Exhibit #7](#))**

**Item #10: Ray West, County Judge-Consideration and possible approval of Amendment to the Advance Funding Agreement for preservation and adaptive use of historic bridge. Judge West moved that the Court approve an Amendment For The Preservation And Adaptive Use Of A Historic Bridge Off The State System, as submitted by the State of Texas, acting by and through the Texas Department of Transportation. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #8](#))**

**E. Reports. The February 16, 2016 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. ([Exhibit #9](#))**

**The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by the Sheriff's Department, for filing. ([Exhibit #10](#))**

**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 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #11](#))**

**G. Recess. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court recess until February 29, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**



