

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a  
Special Session on May 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>CAROL HOLAMON</b>	<b>CHIEF DEPUTY 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 Worley  
moved that the minutes of the May 9, 2016 meeting be approved, as  
presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Shaw  
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: Steve Ellis, District Judge-Consideration and possible approval of replacement employee. Commissioner Worley moved that the Court approve the following personnel changes in the District Judge's Office:**

**Danielle Jordan/Assistant Court Coordinator/employed  
effective 05-16-2016**

**Sheena Rimato/Assistant Court Coordinator/discontinued  
effective 05-27-2016 ([Exhibit #1](#))**

**Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**Item #3: Chris Furry-Consideration and possible approval of Proclamation declaring May 15-21, 2016 as Emergency Medical Services Week. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court proclaim the week of May 15-21, 2016 as "Emergency Medical Services Week" in Brown County. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #2](#))**

**Item #4: Wayne Shaw, Pct 3-Public Hearing regarding setting speed limit of 30 mph on East River Oaks. Judge West asked for comments, from the audience, concerning a proposed 30 mph speed limit on East River Oaks Drive, in Precinct #3. Charlie Carlton spoke in support of a slower speed limit. ([Exhibit #3](#))**

**Item #5: Wayne Shaw, Pct 3-Consideration and possible approval of setting speed limit of 30 mph on East River Oaks. Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court approve to set a 30 mph speed limit, and replace signage, on the entire length of River Oaks Drive, in Precinct #3. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**Item #6: Larry Traweek, Pct 4-Consideration and possible approval of equipment trade. Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court authorize Commissioner Traweek to trade in a tractor, shredder, and a front end loader and purchase a new John Deere Loader, John Deere Cutter, and a John Deere Tractor, for use in Precinct #4. The purchase price, less trade-in, is \$42,250.00. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #4](#))**

**Item #7: Larry Traweek, Pct 4-Consideration and possible approval to finance equipment. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve a five year financing, through Texas Bank, for new equipment to be used in Precinct #4. The amount to be financed is \$42,250.00. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**Item #8: Karen Opiela, Elections Administrator-Consideration and possible approval of out of state travel for Larry Franks and Karen Opiela to complete courses necessary to obtain Certifications. After discussion, with Elections Administrator Karen Opiela, Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court authorize Elections Administrator Karen Opiela to travel to Pennsylvania for Certification Courses and**

**authorize Assistant Elections Administrator Larry Franks to travel to Florida for Certification Courses using funds from the Elections Administration Fund. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-1 to approve. Commissioner Kelton voted nay.**

**Item #9: Karen Opiela, Elections Administrator-Consideration and possible approval to purchase software program from Hart Intercivic which will significantly cut the workload and expenses of mailing and processing Absentee Ballots by Mail for Brown County voters who have requested them. The initial cost to Brown County will be \$7,938.00 with an Annual license and support fee in subsequent years of \$1,000.00. After discussion, with Elections Administrator Karen Opiela, Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court approve the purchase of a software program, for \$7,938.300, from Hart Intercivic, for mailing and processing Absentee Ballots by Mail for Brown County voters. The initial cost, of \$7938.00, and the annual license and support fee, of \$1,000.00, will be paid from General Fund/Equipment Coding. Commissioner Worley seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-1 to approve. Commissioner Kelton voted nay.**

**Item #10: Gary Worley, Pct 1-Consideration and possible approval of temporary employee for Precinct 1 beginning May 16, 2016. Commissioner Worley moved that the Court authorize him to hire Scott Roth as a temporary full-time employee, for Precinct #1, effective May 16, 2016, to be paid \$12.00 per hour. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. ([Exhibit #5](#))**

**Item #11: Nina Cox, Auditor-Consideration and possible approval of budget transfer for FY2015. No action.**

**E. Reports. The May 16, 2016 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. ([Exhibit #6](#))**

**Joe Cooksey addressed the Court concerning the County Attorney Forensic Audit. ([Exhibit #7](#))**

**F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Kelton moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Nina Cox, be paid. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 approve. ([Exhibit #8](#))**

**G. Recess. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court recess until May 23, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

