NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT will convene on the 31st day of August, 2015, at 9:00 A. M., in the Brown County Commissioners Courtroom:

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E. RAY WEST, III BROWN COUNTY JUDGE

AGENDA

- A. Opening Prayer
- B. Reading and approval of Minutes
- 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.
- 1. Joel Kelton, Pct 2 Consideration and possible approval of action regarding burn ban;
- 2. Vance Hill, Sheriff's Office Consideration and possible approval for purchase of ballistic vests for patrol;
- 3. Roy Parrack, Constable, Pct 3 Consideration and possible approval of Sheriffs' and Constables' fees for 2016;
- 4. Sharon Ferguson, County Clerk Consideration and possible approval of replacement employee;
- 5. Don King, County Surveyor Consideration and possible approval of plat for Charles (Dogie) Smith Estate;
- 6. Wayne Shaw, Pct 3 Application to install private line, CR 367;
- 7. Larry Traweek, Pct 4 Discussion of trees on CR 551;
- 8. Ray West, County Judge Consideration and possible approval to propose tax rate for FY2015-16;
- 9. Ray West, County Judge Consideration and possible approval to set dates for public hearings;
- 10. Budget Hearings;
- 11. Ray West, County Judge Consideration and possible approval of publication of proposed budget for FY2015-16;

Sharon Ferguson, AUG 2 7 2015 By Deputy:

- E. Reports
- F. Consideration and Approval of bills
- G. Approval of Treasurer's/Auditor's Report
- H. Adjournment or recess

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BROWN

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on August 31, 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
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 Shaw moved that the minutes of the August 24, 2015 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Traweek 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, no action was taken. The burn ban remains in effect.

Item #2: Vance Hill, Sheriff's Office-Consideration and possible approval for purchase of ballistic vests for patrol. After discussion, with Sheriff's Captain Vance Hill, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize the Sheriff's Department to purchase two (2) ballistic vests for two patrol deputies. The purchase price is \$1.060.00, for both vests, and will be paid for using the Bullet Proof Vest Grant and regularly budgeted Sheriff's Department funds. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.

Item #3: Roy Parrack, Constable, Pct 3-Consideration and possible approval of Sheriffs' and Constables' fees for 2016. After discussion, with Constable Precinct #3 Roy Parrack, and Sheriff's Captain Vance Hill, Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve the proposed Brown County 2016 Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees, with one new addition. The new addition will be for a Writ of Retrieval (also known as, and referred to as, Order of Retrieval). Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. (Exhibit #1 and Exhibit #2) Item #4: Sharon Ferguson, County Clerk-Consideration and possible approval of replacement employee. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the following personnel changes in the County Clerk's Office:

> Patricia "Pat" Valdez/Deputy Clerk/employed effective 09-01-2015 Kelli Ezzell/Deputy Clerk/discontinued effective 11-07-2014 (Exhibit #3)

Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.

Item #5: Don King, County Surveyor-Consideration and possible approval of plat for Charles (Dogie) Smith Estate. After discussion, with County Surveyor Don King, Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court approve the filing of a plat for The Charlie (Dogie) Smith Estate, in Precinct #3. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. (Exhibit #4)

Item #6: Wayne Shaw, Pct 3-Application to install private line, CR 367. Commissioner Shaw moved that the Court approve an application, made by Zephyr Water Supply, to install a buried water line within the right-of-way of County Road #367, in Precinct #3; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. (Exhibit #5) Item #7: Larry Traweek, Pct 4-Discussion of trees on CR 551. Commissioner Traweek reported that he had investigated the public request, from Pam Jordan, to possibly cut down dead trees on County Road #551. Commissioner Traweek has determined that Precinct #4 will cut down three dead trees, on County Road #551. (Exhibit #6)

Item #8: Ray West, County Judge-Consideration and possible approval to propose tax rate for FY 2015-2016.

The Court voted on approving the following <u>proposed</u> tax rates for FY 2015-2016:

proposed .4643 General Fund Rate motion by Judge West; second by Commissioner Traweek vote 4-0 in favor **Debt Service Rate** proposed .0503 motion by Judge West; second by Commissioner Shaw vote 4-0 in favor proposed .0809 **Road and Flood Rate** motion by Judge West; second by Commissioner Kelton vote 4-0 in favor The Total Proposed Tax Rate will be \$0.5955 per \$100.00 of taxable value. The Proposed Tax Rate will increase total taxes in Brown County by 7.34%, which is the percentage by which the proposed tax rate exceeds the effective tax rate. (Exhibit #7)

Item #9: Ray West, County Judge-Consideration and possible approval to set dates for public hearings. Judge West moved that the Court hold the First Public Hearing, on the proposed tax increase, on September 10, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Courtroom and the Second Public Hearing, on the proposed tax increase, on September 14, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Courtroom. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #10: Budget Hearings. After discussion, no action was taken.

Item #11: Ray West, County Judge-Consideration and possible approval of publication of proposed budget for FY 2015-2016. Judge West moved that the Court approve, for publication, the <u>proposed</u> budget for FY 2015-2016. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #8)

E. Reports. The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by the Sheriff's Department, for filing. (Exhibit #9)

The Pre-Trial Services Report, for 03-03-2014 through 08-28-2015, was presented by Indigent Defense Coordinator/Pretrial Services Director Nita Richardson, for filing. (Exhibit #10) F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Traweek 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 #11)

F. Recess. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court recess until September 10, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Shaw seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.

Approved by the BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

on the 10th day of September, 2015.

E Ray West

COUNTY JUDGE

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SHARON FERGUSON BROWN COUNTY CLERK

August 31, 2015 Meeting