

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on March 14, 2005 at 9:00 A. M. in the Commissioners 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>STEVE ADAMS</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1</b>
<b>ADRON BECK</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2</b>
<b>RICHARD GIST</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3</b>
<b>DAVID CARROLL</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4</b>

**Also present:**

<b>MARGARET WOOD</b>	<b>COUNTY CLERK</b>
<b>NINA COX</b>	<b>COUNTY AUDITOR</b>
<b>NONA GIDDENS</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT</b>

**A. Opening prayer. Commissioner Gist led the Court in the invocation.**

**B. Reading and approval of minutes. Commissioner Carroll moved that the minutes of the March 7, 2005 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Margaret Wood. Commissioner Beck 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**

**Item #1: Sheriff's Office-open and acceptance of bids for**

**new automobiles. Judge West opened two bids for six vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. The bids were from Philpot Motors and Brownwood Ford-Lincoln-Mercury, Inc. After reviewing the bids, Commissioner Carroll moved that the Court purchase six vehicles from Brownwood Ford-Lincoln-Mercury, Inc., to finance the entire purchase, to authorize Judge West to handle the financing procedure and to authorize him to sign on behalf of the Commissioners Court. Commissioner Beck seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #1 and #2)**

**Item #2: Sheriff's Office-approval to purchase Mini Z lawn mower. Sheriff Grubbs requested that the Court purchase a commercial grade Mini Z Hustler Mower, for use at the Brown County Brownwood Law Enforcement Center. Commissioner Beck moved that the purchase be authorized and that the funds for the purchase (\$6200.00) be taken from the Precinct #2 budget. Commissioner Carroll seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #3)**

**Item #3: Sheriff's Office-approval of new employee. Commissioner Adams moved that the following employee change, in the Sheriff's Department, be approved:**

**Leslie D. Karnes II/employed/jailer**

**Jody White/discontinued/jailer (Exhibit #4)**

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

**Item #4: Consideration and approval of traffic control signs**

**on C.C. Woodson Road. Commissioner Gist reported that he had discussed the problems with the traffic on C.C. Woodson Road, near the Living Word Church and the Living Word Christian Academy, with the Texas Highway Department. He said that Texas Department of Transportation has ordered a complete traffic study (traffic count, footage, markage and signage) at the location. The study should be complete in thirty to forty five days.**

**Item #5: City of Early-request and approval to abandon easement in City of Early. After a discussion of property, located in the City of Early, off of Orchard Street and adjacent to the old Ross Building, Judge West moved that the Court find no value in the property and to relinquish and release the property to the City of Early. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**Item #6: Ray West-approval of new employee. Passed.**

**Item #7: Steve Adams, Precinct #1/Brookesmith Utility District utility easement, County Road #233. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve an application, made by Carolyn Bade, to install a buried water line within the right-of-way of County Road #233, in Precinct #1; subject to Brown County specifications for boring under a road. Commissioner Beck seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #5)**

**Item #8: Richard Gist, Precinct #3-approval of new employee. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court approve the following personnel addition in Precinct #3:**

**James Phillips/road hand/employed (Exhibit #6)**

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

**Item #9: David Carroll, Precinct #4-authorization to enter agreement with City of Bangs to close alley. After discussion, Commissioner Adams moved that Commissioner Carroll be authorized to negotiate with the City of Bangs regarding the closure of an alley on Spencer Street, near the Precinct #4 Barn. Commissioner Beck seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**Item #10: David Carroll, Precinct #4-approval to join purchase group. Commissioner Carroll moved that the Court join the BuyBoard Purchasing Group, for an annual membership fee of \$200.00. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #7)**

**Reports. The March 11, 2005 Cash Position Statement was presented by County Treasurer Judy Stirman, for filing. (Exhibit #8)**

**Sheriff Grubbs presented the Sheriff's Department Collection Report for February, 2005. (Exhibit #9)**

**Commissioner Carroll reported that he was considering the purchase of an asphalt storage tank.**

**F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Adams moved that claims be paid, as presented by County Auditor Nina Cox. Commissioner Beck seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #10)**

**G. Recess. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court recess**

**until March 21, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom.  
Commissioner Beck seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to  
approve.**

**Approved by the BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2005**

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**COUNTY JUDGE**

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**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1**

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**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2**

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**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3**

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**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4**

**ATTEST**

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**COUNTY CLERK**