

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on September 6, 2005 at 9:00 A. M. in the County 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 Gist moved that the minutes of the meetings of August 19, August 23 and August 29 2005 be approved, as presented by County Clerk Margaret Wood. Commissioner Carroll 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: Nick Hanna, Texas Ranger-discussion and action on autopsy payment. Texas Ranger Nick Hanna and Brown County Sheriff Bobby Grubbs were present to request that Brown County pay for an autopsy and transport costs for Steven Kent Esgar, who committed suicide during a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 183, in North Brown County. He was airlifted to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo and after his death, the Justice of the Peace, Precinct #2, in Tom Green County, ordered the autopsy. After a discussion of the matter, Commissioner Carroll moved that Brown County “not” pay the claim. Commissioner Beck seconded the motion and the Court voted as follows:**

**Judge West-aye**

**Commissioner Adams-nay**

**Commissioner Beck-aye**

**Commissioner Gist-nay**

**Commissioner Carroll-aye (Exhibit #1)**

**Item #2: Sheriff’s Office-approval of replacement employees. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve the following personnel changes in the Sheriff’s Department:**

**Victoria L. Cearley/jailer/employed**

**Danny Clayton/jailer/discontinued (Exhibit #2)**

**Joshua Daniels/jailer/employed**

**Brenda Williamson/jailer/discontinued (Exhibit #3)**

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

**Item #3: Approval of Election Judges 2005/2006.**

**Commissioner Carroll moved that the Court approve Election Judges and Alternates for the years of 2005 and 2006, as presented by County Clerk Margaret Wood. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #4)**

**Item #4: Ratification of Child Welfare Contract. After discussion, Commissioner Gist moved that the Court ratify the 2005/2006 non-financial Child Welfare Contract with the State of Texas, which Judge West signed at an earlier date. Commissioner Beck seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**Item #5: Public Hearing on 2005/2006 County Budget. Please see the Supplemental Agenda which is a part of these minutes.**

**Item #6: Ratification of Indigent Defense Grant Program. Commissioner Beck moved that the Court ratify the Indigent Defense Grant Program Resolution, for Juvenile and Adult Probation Departments, which Judge West signed at an earlier date. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #5)**

**Item #7: Approval of Texas County and District Retirement System Plan. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court authorize Judge West to sign the No Plan Change Notice and Rate Acknowledgement (Variable-Rate Plan), for the Texas County District Retirement System for year 2006. Commissioner Carroll seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #6)**

## **SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA**

**Item #1: First Public Hearing on 2005/2006 County Tax Increase.**  
**Travis Wooten, Precinct #4, was present to discuss a plan to place a tax ceiling on County taxes for citizens over the age of sixty five (65). No action was taken.**

**E. Reports. Sheriff Bobby Grubbs presented the Sheriff's Report for July, 2005, for filing. (Exhibit #7)**

**Judy Stirman, County Treasurer, presented the September 2, 2005 Cash Statement Report, for filing. (Exhibit #8)**

**F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Beck moved that the claims, presented by Auditor Nina Cox, be approved for payment. Commissioner Carroll seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #9)**

**G. Recess. Commissioner Beck moved that the Court recess until September 9, 2005 at 9:30 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom, for the Second Public Hearing on the 2005/2006 tax rate increase. Commissioner Carroll seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**Approved by the BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**on the**

**, 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**