

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on October 17, 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:

E. RAY WEST III	COUNTY JUDGE
STEVE ADAMS	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1
ADRON BECK	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2
RICHARD GIST	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3
DAVID CARROLL	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

Also present:

MARGARET WOOD	COUNTY CLERK
NINA COX	COUNTY AUDITOR
NONA GIDDENS	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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 October 10 and October 11, 2005 meetings be approved, as presented by County Clerk Margaret Wood. Commissioner Gist 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: Richard Gist, Precinct #3/Jim Tongate-utility easement, County Road #371. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court approve an application, made by Jim Tongate, to install a line within the right of way of County Road #371, in Precinct #3; subject to Brown County specifications. Commissioner Carroll seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #1)

Item #2: Linda Parker-request to purchase computer and printer for Tax Assessor's Office. Discussion, no action.

Item #3: Linda Parker-request to purchase GCS software for temporary vehicle tags. Sherry and Mike Bailey presented GCS Software, which would allow the Tax Assessor-Collector Office to issue computer generated temporary vehicle and handicapped tags. Judge West requested that Tax Assessor/Collector Linda Parker provide the Court a complete count-down of the issuance of temporary vehicle and handicapped tags for the past two years. (Exhibit #2)

Item #4: Adron Beck, Precinct #2/Verizon-utility easement, FM 2125. Passed.

Item #5: Cristi Escobar-approval of copier contract to be paid out of Court Reporters Service Fund. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court authorize the District Court Reporter to enter a copy machine contract with Canon, using funds from the Court Reporters Service Fund, and authorizing Judge West to sign the contract. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #6: Sheriff's Office-approval of security officer for

Courthouse from part time to full time. Commissioner Carroll moved to authorize the full-time employment of John Scott Martin, as Courthouse Security Officer. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #3)

Item #7: Sheriff's Office-approval of employee changes and employment of part-time employees. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court approve the following personnel changes in the Sheriff's Office:

Leslie Karnes II/jailer to road crew/employed (Exhibit #4)

Mike Hall/road crew to jailer/employed (Exhibit #5)

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

Item #8: Sheriff's Office-approval of participation in the STEP (Selective Traffic Enforcement Program). Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve a Texas Traffic Safety Program Grant Agreement, with the cost to Brown County not to exceed \$12,978.00. Commissioner Beck seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #6)

Item #9: Sheriff's Office-discussion of renovations to District Court holding cell. Passed.

Item #10: David Carroll, Precinct #4/Verizon-utility easements, County Road #153 and County Road #180. Passed.

Item #11: Adron Beck, Precinct #2/Verizon-utility easement, County Road FM 2125. Passed.

Item #12: Adron Beck, Precinct #2/Valor-utility easement,

County Road #487. Commissioner Beck moved that a notice of construction, given by Valor Telecommunications, of a communication line, within the right of way of County Roads #487 and #489, in Precinct #2, be approved; subject to Brown County specifications for boring under a road. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #7)

Item #13: Consideration and approval of HAVA contract. Brown County Elections Administrator George Bradley presented the Court with two options for the purchase of electronic voting equipment. Commissioner Beck moved that the Court accept Option #1 (which provides for only electronic, handicapped compliant, units in each precinct.) Commissioner Carroll seconded the motion and the Court voted as follows:

Judge West-nay

Commissioner Adams-nay

Commissioner Beck-aye

Commissioner Gist-nay

Commissioner Carroll-aye

The motion failed. (Exhibit #7)

After further discussion, Commissioner Carroll moved that the Court request two contracts, (both Option #1 and Option #2) from Hart InterCivics. The contract will be reviewed and acted upon at a later date. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted as follows:

Judge West-nay

Commissioner Adams-aye

Commissioner Beck-nay

Commissioner Gist-aye

Commissioner Carroll-aye

The motion carried.

Item #14: Consideration of ambulance contract with Guardian. Commissioner Carroll, who is a member of the Ambulance Service Oversight Committee, told the Court that Guardian Ambulance Service contingency contract expires on December 31, 2005. After discussion, the Court advised the members of the Oversight Committee to proceed with negotiations for a five (5) year, performance based contract, with the option for a five (5) year extension.

E. Reports. Judy Stirman, County Treasurer, presented the October 14, 2005 Cash Statement Report, for filing. (Exhibit #9)

Commissioner Beck reported that the wireless access frequency between the Sheriff's Office and the Courthouse (the NetData computer system) is not a protected frequency. He recommended that the wireless access be upgraded to a 4.9 frequency (protected). The cost will be approximately \$4700. No action was taken.

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Gist 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 #13)

G. Adjournment. Judge West moved that the Court recess until October 24, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. in the Grand Jury Room on the third floor of the Courthouse. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

**Approved by the BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
on the 24th day of October, 2005**

COUNTY JUDGE

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

ATTEST

COUNTY CLERK