

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on October 15, 2007 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>STEVE ADAMS</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1</b>
<b>JOEL KELTON</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2</b>
<b>RICHARD GIST</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3</b>
<b>LARRY TRAWEEK</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>AMY HAMRICK</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 October 1, 2007 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Margaret Wood. Commissioner Traweek 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: Frank Griffin-request to set up special DWI Court accounts. Judge West moved that the Auditor be authorized to set up two bank accounts for the DWI Court (one that the County Attorney maintains and one for the General Ledger Fund) and to establish accounting procedures to receive, segregate and disperse the Fines and Court Costs that are collected on Driving While Intoxicated criminal cases. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #9)**

**Item #2: Charles Gravel-approval of board members for the Child Welfare Board. Commissioner Kelton moved that the following citizens of Brown County be appointed to serve on the Child Welfare Board:**

**Judy Spivey/Bangs, Texas**

**Mechail Cox/Zephyr, Texas**

**Johnnie Sue Lancaster/May, Texas**

**Pat Prather/Brownwood, Texas**

**Kitty Cavanaugh/Bangs, Texas**

**Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #1)**

**Item #3: Approval of Tax Resale Deed, Randall Burleson, Lots 511 & 512, Tamarack Mountain Subdivision, Section II. Judge West moved that the Court approve a Tax Resale Deed to Randall and Melissa Burleson, for Lots #511 and #512, Tamarack Mountain Subdivision, Section II. The total cost of the sale is \$1741.18 and the**

**bid amount is \$1150.00. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #2)**

**Item #4: Jan Brown-approval of replacement employee. After a request by District Clerk Jan Brown to hire a replacement employee at the beginning salary of \$17,000.00 per year and to raise Deputy Clerk Deleta Austin's salary by \$1200.00 per year, Commissioner Gist moved that the District Clerk be authorized to employ a beginning clerk at \$17,000.00 per year. The motion died for lack of a second.**

**Item #5: Sheriff's Office-approval of replacement employees. Commissioner Adams moved that the following personnel changes, in the Sheriff's Department, be approved:**

**Cynthia G. Grumbles/nurse/employed**

**Gary G. King/nurse/discontinued (Exhibit #3)**

**Sheila R. Perez/jailer/employed**

**Abraham Miranda/jailer/discontinued (Exhibit #4)**

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

**Item #6: Jim Cavanaugh-request for change in employee's salary. After a request to increase the salary of Rhonda Durkop, Clerk for Justice of the Peace #1 and Justice of the Peace #4 (to bring her salary up to \$24,977.00 per year which is the same as the Clerk for Justice of the Peace #2 and Justice of the Peace #3), Commissioner Traweek moved to approve the request and to adopt a budget amendment to cover the increased cost. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the vote was as follows:**

**Commissioner Adams/aye**

**Commissioner Kelton/nay**

**Commissioner Gist/nay**

**Commissioner Traweek/aye**

**Judge West/nay**

**(Exhibit #5)**

**Item #7: John Beck-discussion of condition of County Road #423.**

**Mr. J.H. Beck requested that County Road #423, in Precinct #2, be paved to curb the dust problem. No action was taken.**

**Item #8: Kirby Roberts-discussion of Indigent Criminal Defense Program. Judge West moved that the Court present a proposal to the Indigent Defense Committee which would allow the Brown County Courts to enter into an Indigent Criminal Defense Contract with an attorney who would accept a specified portion of all the Indigent Criminal Cases filed in Brown County Courts. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**Item #9: Wes Jackson, Cummings Westlake-presentation of wind farm program. Passed.**

**Item #10: Nina Cox-approval of new employee. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve the following personnel change in the County Auditor's Office:**

**Valerie Williams/accounting clerk/employed (Exhibit #6)**

**Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-1 to approve with Judge West voting nay.**

## **SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA**

**Item #1: Approval of contract with Telecom Unlimited for Probation Office. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve a Contract with Telecom Unlimited for a new telephone system for the Adult Probation Department. The contract is for \$5984.00, with one half paid before the installation and the remainder paid after installation of the system. Judge West seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**E. Reports. The Combined Statement Cash Position Statement for October 15, 2007 was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #7)**

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

**G. Recess. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court recess until October 22, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**Approved by the BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2007**

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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**

**October 15, 2007 Meeting**