

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on December 17, 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>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 Traweek moved that the minutes of the December 10, 2007 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Margaret Wood. Commissioner Gist 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.**

**Item #1: Public Hearing-consideration and action on Brown County's option to exempt from property tax or imposition of taxation on certain "goods-in-transit" under Section 11.253, Texas Property Code. After discussion, (there were no comments from the audience), Judge West made a motion, as follows:**

**"all such goods-in-transit personal property as covered by Texas Property Tax Code Section 11.253 shall be, and are hereby declared to be, taxable by Brown County for Tax Year 2008 and for each year thereafter, all as provided for and in accordance with Texas Property Tax Code, Section 11.253."**

**Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. (Exhibit #1)**

**Item #2: Consideration and action of Guidelines and Criteria for Granting tax abatement. J. Weston Jackson of Cummings Westlake, LLC, representing the interests of Renewable Energy Systems, who plan to construct a wind farm in portions of Brown, Comanche and Mills Counties, was present to discuss Brown County's tax abatement criteria. After discussion, Commissioner Gist moved that the Brown County adopt Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatements, as documented in Exhibit #2 of these minutes. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. (Exhibit #2)**

**Item #3: Consideration and approval of Tax Abatement Agreement. Passed until all of the Commissioners are present.**

**Item #4: Sheriff's Office-approval of employee changes. Passed.**

**Item #5: Sheriff's Office-change in jail medical budget; salary adjustment. After discussion, Commissioner Traweek moved that the Sheriff's salary line item, 2007/2008 Brown County Budget, be increased by \$9,000.00, in order to increase Jail Medical Officer Doctor John Dunn's salary to \$2,000.00 per month, effective as of January 8, 2008. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.**

**Item #6: Larry Traweek/Precinct #4-approval of road maintenance, Buckhorn Estates. Commissioner Traweek moved that Brown County accept, for maintenance, the following roads in Buckhorn Estates, Precinct #4,**

**Buckhorn Road**

**Doe Trail**

**Buck View Road**

**The location of the roads is based upon 911 mapping data.**

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

**Item #7: Nina Cox-approval to purchase stenographic machine for District Court Reporter from Court Reporter Funds. Judge West moved that the Court authorize District Court Reporter Christi Escobar to purchase a stenograph machine, (\$4920.00) with funds from the Court Reporter Fund. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.**

**E. Reports. The December 17, 2008 Cash Position Statement was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #3)**

**F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Traweek moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Nina Cox, be paid. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. (Exhibit #4)**

**G. Recess. Judge West moved that the Court recess until January 7, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.**

**Approved by the BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT  
on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2008**

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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**

**December 17, 2007 Meeting**