

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on September 2, 2008 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:

E. RAY WEST III	COUNTY JUDGE
STEVE ADAMS	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1
JOEL KELTON	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2
RICHARD GIST	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

Also present:

SHARON FERGUSON	CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK
NINA COX	COUNTY AUDITOR
AMY HAMRICK	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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

B. Reading and approval of minutes. Commissioner Adams moved that the minutes of the August 18 and August 27, 2008 meetings be approved, as presented by County Clerk Margaret Wood, with the following amendment:

A. Opening prayer as appears in original August 18, 2008 minutes: COMMISSIONER GIST led the Court in the invocation.

A. Opening prayer amended as follows: JUDGE WEST led the Court in the invocation.

Commissioner Kelton 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. Items may not be taken in the order that they are listed.

Item #1: Ray West-Consideration and action on resignation of County Clerk and appointment of successor County Clerk.

Commissioner Gist moved that the Court appoint Chief Deputy Brown County Clerk Sharon Ferguson, to the position of Brown County Clerk, (for the remainder of the unexpired term). Brown County Clerk Margaret Wood resigned on September 1, 2008. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #2: Bobby Grubbs-Employee changes. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve the following personnel changes in the Sheriff's Department:

Donna Minica/Jailer/Employed

Scott Swift/Jailer/Discontinued (Exhibit #1)

Wayne C. Meadow/Jailer/Employed

Brandon Clark/Jailer/Discontinued (Exhibit #2)

Melanie Dees/Sergeant Jailer/Employed

with salary change

Nathan Donald/Sergeant Jailer/Discontinued

(Exhibit #3)

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

Item #3: Don King-Approval of the Frog Addition. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve the filing of a plat for the Frog Subdivision, in Precinct #4. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #4)

Item #4: Richard Gist, Pct #3-Applications to install private lines CR #327, CR #294 & CR #287. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court approve two applications, made by Zephyr Water Supply Corporation, to install buried lines within the right-of-ways of County Roads #294 and #287, and County Road #327, in Precinct #3; subject to Brown County specifications. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. (Exhibits #5 and #6)

Item #5: Jan Brown-Approval of Attorney General Contract. This Item was approved at the August 11, 2008 meeting subject to the review and recommendation by the Brown County Attorney. Judge West reported that Brown County Attorney Shane Britton has reviewed and recommended the Cooperative Agreement between The Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas and Brown County, Texas. The agreement deals with the State Child Support Registry. (Exhibit #7)

Item #6: Ray West-Vote on proposal to consider the tax rate. After discussion, Commissioner Adams moved that the Brown County Commissioner's Court propose a 0.5227 tax rate for Budget Year 2008/2009 and to schedule the first public hearing September 10, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. and the second public hearing for September 15, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted unanimously to approve. (Exhibit #8)

Item #7: Larry Traweek, Pct #4-Application to install private line CR #139. Commissioner Gist moved that a notice of installation of a communication line, made by Verizon Southwest, within the right-of-way of County Road #139, in Precinct #4 be approved; subject to Brown County specifications. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. (Exhibit #9)

Item #8: Budget Workshop. After discussion, the Court scheduled the first public hearing for September 10, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. and the second public hearing for September 15, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Courtroom, Brown County, Texas.

E. Reports. The September 2, 2008 Cash Position Statement was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #10)

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards Jail Population Report for September 2, 2008 was presented for filing, by the Sheriff's Department. (Exhibit #11)

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Adams moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Nina Cox, be paid. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. (Exhibit #12)

G. Adjourn. Judge West moved that the Court adjourn until September 8, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

**Approved by the BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
on the 8th day of September, 2008.**

COUNTY JUDGE

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

ATTEST

COUNTY CLERK

September 2, 2008 Meeting