

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on September 15, 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	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 Kelton moved that the minutes of the September 8 and September 10, 2008 meetings be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Adams 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. Items may not be taken in the order that they are listed.

Item #1: Public Hearing regarding proposed tax increase.

Judge West asked for public comments from the audience on the proposed Brown County Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2008/2009 as follows:

General Fund	0.3985
Debt Service	0.0454
Road and Flood	0.0788
Total proposed tax rate	0.5227

There were no comments or questions from the audience. The Brown County Tax Rate and Budget for Fiscal Year 2008/2009 will be adopted in the Commissioner's Court meeting on September 29, 2008.

Item #2: August Pope-Approval of Resolution regarding Zephyr Water Supply Grant. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve a resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for Community Development Funds pertaining to the County's participation in support of the Zephyr Water Supply Corporation. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. Commissioner Gist abstained because he is a member of the Zephyr Water Board. (Exhibit #1)

Item #3: August Pope-Approval of Water supply Grant Agreement between Brown County and Zephyr Water Supply Corporation. Judge West moved that he be authorized to sign an Agreement between Brown County and the Zephyr Water Supply Corporation in support of the Zephyr Water Supply Corporation for a Texas Community Development Block Grant for 2009. Commissioner Adams

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

Commissioner Gist abstained because he is a member of the Zephyr Water Board. (Exhibit #2)

Item #4: Nanelle Mooney-Discussion and possible approval of computer for County Court at Law. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court authorize the County Court at Law to purchase a lap top computer, from Staples, with funds from the non-departmental equipment fund. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.

Item #5: Bobby Grubbs-Employee changes. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court authorize the following personnel changes, in the Sheriff's Department:

**Troy L. Grusendorf/Deputy/employed
effective 09-12-2008**

James Stroope/Deputy/discontinued (Exhibit #3)

**Harold L. Allgood/Deputy/employed
effective 09-22-2008**

Keith Varner/Deputy/discontinued (Exhibit #4)

**Mark Shaw/Jailer/employed
effective 09-10-2008**

**Melanie Dees/Jailer/discontinued as jailer
promoted to Sergeant Jailer (Exhibit #5)**

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

Item #6: Joel Kelton-Application to install buried line, CR #594. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve an application to install a buried line, made by Fred Bilbo, within the right-of-way of County Road #594, in Precinct #2, subject to Brown County specifications. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. (Exhibit #6)

E. Reports. The September 15, 2008 Cash Position Statement was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #7)

The Sheriff's Department reported that there were 151 inmates in jail as of September 15, 2008.

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Passed.

G. Recess. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court recess until September 29, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

