

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on September 29, 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
LARRY TRAWEEK	COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

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 Adams moved that the minutes of the September 15, 2008 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Kelton 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 on Budget. Judge West asked for public comments from the audience on the proposed Brown County Budget for Fiscal Year 2008/2009. There were no comments or questions from the audience.

Item #2: Consider and adopt budget for fiscal year 2008-2009. Commissioner Adams moved that the Brown County Budget for Fiscal Year 2008/2009 be adopted, as submitted by County Auditor Nina Cox. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

Item #3: Adopt budget which requires raising more revenue than in previous year. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court adopt the Brown County Budget for Fiscal Year 2008/2009 which will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$535,116.00 or 4.06%, and of that amount \$196,785.00 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

(Exhibit #1)

Item #4: Consider and approve tax rates for 2008-2009.

Judge West moved that the Court approve the Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2008/2009 as follows:

General Fund	0.3985
Debt Service	0.0454
Road and Flood	0.0788
Total Tax Rate	0.5227

Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

Item #5: Ray West-Discussion and approval of baluster molds.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the quote, from Kim George, for building a mold and repairing balusters at the Brown County Courthouse. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #2)

Item #6: Bob Beadel-Discussion and setting Sheriff's Office and Constable Fees. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve the Brown County Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees proposed for 2009, as presented by Constable Bob Beadel. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #3)

Item #7: Jim Cavanaugh-Approval of replacement employee for JP office. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve the following personnel changes, in the Justice of the Peace Office:

**Amber Lou Barron/Justice Court Clerk/employed
effective 09-29-2008**

Ann Milam/Clerk/discontinued (Exhibit #4)

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

Item #8: Charles Polaski-Approval of subdivision plat for The Creek at Zephyr Hills. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court approve the filing of a plat for The Creek at Zephyr Hills Subdivision, in Precinct #3. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #5)

Item #9: Jan Brown-Discussion and possible approval of file cabinets and shelves. Commissioner Adams moved that District Clerk Jan Brown be authorized to purchase 3 filing cabinets, from Buffalo Business Products. The purchase price of \$1,197.00 is to be paid from the District Clerk's General Fund (\$800.00) and Records Preservation Fund (\$397.00). Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #6)

E. Reports. The September 29, 2008 Cash Position Statement was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #7)

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Gist moved that the claims, as 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 6, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

**Approved by the BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
on the 6th day of October, 2008.**

COUNTY JUDGE

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3

COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4

ATTEST

COUNTY CLERK

September 29, 2008 Meeting