

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on December 8, 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
JOSIE CONTRERAS	ASSISTANT 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 December 1, 2008 meeting 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: Richard Gist-Discussion and possible action regarding Burn Ban and Fireworks Ban. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court adopt a Resolution to impose a burn ban, effective immediately. It is ordered that no person in the unincorporated areas of Brown County may maintain an open fire except in an appropriate container for the burning of trash or cooking food. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #1)

Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court sign an Order prohibiting the sale or use of restricted fireworks in any portion of the unincorporated areas of Brown County. Restricted fireworks mean only those items classified under the Texas Occupations Code as “skyrockets with stick” and “missiles with fins”. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted as follows:

Commissioner Adams/aye

Commissioner Kelton/nay

Commissioner Gist/aye

Commissioner Traweek/aye.

(Exhibit #2)

Item #2: Ann Krpoun-Approval of new employee.

Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve the following personnel change in the County Treasurer's Office:

**Crystal Smith/Administrative Assistant/employed
effective 12-15-2008**

**Kimberly Bruner/Administrative Assistant/discontinued
effective 11-30-2008 (Exhibit #3)**

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

Item #3: Steve Adams-Utility easement on CR #221, Brookesmith Water. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve an application, made by David and Jennifer Bonham and Brookesmith Special Utility District, to install a buried line within the right-of-way of County Road #221, in Precinct #1; subject to Brown County specifications for boring under a road. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #4)

E. Reports. The December 8, 2008 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #5)

The Total Of Funds Under The Care & Custody Of Brown County Treasurer's Report for November, 2008, was approved after a motion by Commissioner Kelton and a second by Commissioner Traweek. The Court voted 3-0 to approve. An Affidavit, with the report attached, was signed and prepared for publication, according to Section 114.026 of

the Texas Local Government Code. Judge West and Commissioner Adams were not present at the time of the vote. (Exhibit #6)

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Traweck moved that the claims, as presented by Assistant County Auditor Josie Contreras, be paid, including the \$80,000.00 claim submitted by Commissioner Adams and Emergency Coordinator Brent Bush from Mobile Command Systems, Inc. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

G. Recess. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court recess until December 11, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted unanimously to approve.

