

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on December 15, 2008 at 9:00 A. M. in the Commissioner's Courtroom, Brown County Courthouse, 200 South Broadway Brownwood, Texas. Judge Pro-Tem Adams called the meeting to order. Members of the Court present were:**

<b>STEVE ADAMS</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1</b>
<b>JOEL KELTON</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2</b>
<b>RICHARD GIST</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3</b>
<b>LARRY TRAWEEK</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4</b>

**Also present:**

<b>SHARON FERGUSON</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 Gist moved that the minutes of the December 8, 2008 and December 11, 2008 meetings be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Traweek 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: Steve Adams – Acknowledgement of the retirement of employee, Stormy Barnum. Commissioner Adams presented Stormy Barnum, Precinct #1 Road Foreman, with a service pin and a framed certificate of appreciation for his work and dedication for 26 ½ years of service to Brown County. Mr. Barnum will retire on December 31, 2008. See Exhibit #1 to these minutes for a list of friends and family present to see Mr. Barnum honored. (Exhibit #1)**

**Item #2: Jan Brown – Request for office equipment. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court authorize District Clerk Jan Brown to purchase office furniture from Buffalo Sales. The purchase price of \$1,519.70 is to be paid from the District Clerk’s Records Preservation Fund. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #2)**

**Item #3: Ray West – Consideration and action of appointment of Alternate Emergency Management contact person. Passed.**

**Item #4: Ann Krpoun – Consideration and action on TCDRS Retirement Plan changes. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court approve the participation of Brown County in the Texas County and District Retirement System, for the 2009 plan year, with the same options as the 2008 plan year. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #3)**

**Item #5: Larry Traweek, Pct 4 – Communication line installation CR 198. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve an application, made by GTE Southwest, Inc. D/B/A Verizon, to install a communication line within the right-of-way of County Road #198, in Precinct #4; subject to Brown County specifications. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**(Exhibit #4)**

**Item #6: Richard Gist – Approval of new employee. Commissioner Gist moved that the following personnel change in Precinct #3 be approved:**

**Jeff Mobley/Road Hand/employed  
beginning 12-16-2008 (Exhibit #5)**

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

**Item #7: Scott Anderson – Extension office update. Judge Pro-Tem Adams moved that the Court recess, in order to travel to the Extension Office and to re-convene at that location. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. Judge Pro-Tem Adams called the meeting to order, at the Extension Office. Discussion followed with Scott Durham, District Extension Director and Scott Anderson, County Extension Agent-AG. The Extension Office presented the 2008 Activity Report. The Court commended them on their good work. No action was taken.**

**(Exhibit #6)**

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

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

**G. Recess. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court recess until January 5, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

