

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on April 20, 2009 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:**

<b>E. RAY WEST III</b>	<b>COUNTY JUDGE</b>
<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 Traweek moved that the minutes of the April 13, 2009 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: Larry Traweek, Precinct #4-Application to install private line, County Road #569. Commissioner Traweek moved that an application to install a buried line, made by Tom Burress, within the right of way of County Road #569, in Precinct #4, be approved; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #1)**

**Item #2: Steve Adams, Precinct #1-Discussion of burn ban. Commissioner Adams moved that the Burn Ban be lifted. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**Item #3: Tony Aaron-Acceptance of the 2009 BJA Jag Grant. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve a resolution authorizing the Sheriff's Department to accept the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (EBJAG) 2009 for Brown County, in the amount of \$69,629.00, to be shared with the City of Brownwood. Brown County's share is \$25,000.00. Sheriff's Captain Tony Aaron told the Court that the Sheriff's Department is requesting to use the funds to purchase and equip a K-9 vehicle, with the latest in technology. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court authorize the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding Between Brown County and the City of Brownwood whereas Brown County agrees to approve the City of Brownwood as its Fiscal Agent for administration of the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant for 2009. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**(Exhibit #2 and Exhibit #3)**

**Item #4: Larry Traweek, Precinct #4-Consideration and approval of 35 mph speed limit County Road #153 and County Road #180 to Hwy 84-67. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve a thirty-five (35) mile per hour speed limit on County Road #153, from the intersection of County Road #180 to Highway 84-67W, in Precinct #4. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #4)**

**Item #5: Joel Kelton, Precinct #2-Application to remove buried cable and place pedestal, County Road #408. Commissioner Kelton moved that a notice of an application to remove a buried communication line and install a pedestal, made by Windstream Telecommunications, within the right-of-way of County Road #408, in Precinct #2, be approved; subject to Brown County specifications. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #5)**

**Item #6: Mechail Cox-Consideration and approval of replacement board member for Brown County Child Welfare Board. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve the appointment of Carolyn Snell to the Brownwood-Brown County Child Welfare Board to fill a position vacated by Charlie Gravell. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #6)**

**Item #7: Richard Gist, Precinct #3-Discussion and approval of equipment purchase. Commissioner Gist moved that he be authorized to purchase two used motor graders for Precinct #3, for a total of \$228,000.00, to be financed through Texas Bank at the contract rate. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**Item #8: Nina Cox-Budget Amendments. Judge West moved that the Court approve budget amendments, to the 2008/2009 Brown County Budget, as presented by County Auditor Nina Cox. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #7)**

**Item #9: Ray West-Discussion and approval of Early ISD/Brown County Interlocal Agreement for temporary storage of command trailer. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve an Interlocal Agreement, between Early Independent School District and Brown County, for Early ISD's bus barn to temporarily store Brown County's Mobile Command Unit. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #8)**

**Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court recess the Special Session and convene in an Executive Session. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**The Court will convene into executive session pursuant to the provision of the open meetings law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, V.T.C.A. in accordance with the requirements and authority set out in Section 551.076 to discuss courthouse security issues. Judge Ray West, Bobby Grubbs, Bobby Duvall, Tony Aaron, Stan Pachall, Dennis Watson, Judge Frank Griffin, Judge Steve Ellis, Judge Walter Croft, Judge Bryan Thompson, Judge Bob Wall, Judge Jim Cavanaugh.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Judge West called the Executive Session to order at 10:05 A.M.**

**Present were:**

**County Judge E. Ray West**

**Commissioner, Precinct #1, Steve Adams**

**Commissioner, Precinct #2, Joel Kelton**

**Commissioner, Precinct #3, Richard Gist**

**Commissioner, Precinct #4, Larry Traweek**

**County Clerk Sharon Ferguson**

**County Auditor Nina Cox**

**Administrative Assistant Amy Hamrick**

**District Judge Steve Ellis**

**District Attorney Michael Murray**

**Sheriff Bobby Grubbs**

**Chief Deputy Sheriff Bobby Duvall**

**Captain of Operations Tony Aaron**

**County Court at Law Judge Frank Griffin**  
**Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 Walter B. Croft**  
**Justice of the Peace Precinct #3 Bryan Thompson**  
**Justice of the Peace Precinct #4 Jim Cavanaugh**  
**Courthouse Security Officer Stan Pachall**  
**Courthouse Security Officer Dennis Watson**  
**Adult Probation Officer Joe Shaw**

**After discussion about courthouse security issues, Commissioner Gist moved that the Court recess to the Special Session. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**Judge West called the Special Session back to order.**

**E. Reports. The April 20, 2009 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #9)**

**F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Traweek 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.**

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

