

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on May 4, 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:

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 April 20, 2009 meeting 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: Jeff Harrell-Request for Brown County to prohibit or otherwise regulate the discharge of firearms on lots 10 acres or smaller. Discussion, no action. (Exhibit #1)

Item #2: Tommy Bowden-Bangs Economic Development Project. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court grant approval of the Bangs Economic Development Project. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion. After discussion, there was no vote on the motion. This item will be revisited at a later date.

Item #3: Billy Murphree-Proclamation declaring month of May Military Appreciation Month. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court sign a Proclamation declaring the period May 1, through June 14, 2009 as National Military Appreciation Month in Brown County. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. Veteran's Service Officer Billy Murphey, Assistant Veteran's Service Officer James Masters, and representatives of the Military Family and Support Group, Joyce Leidig and Babs Shields, informed the Court of the various activities that are being planned. (Exhibit #2)

Item #4: Ronnie Lappe-Report on Texas Historical Commission Annual Meeting. Ronnie Lappe reported to the Court that he had attended the Texas Historical Commission Annual Meeting and that the Distinguished Service Award was awarded to Brown County.

Item #5: Ronnie Lappe-Discussion and approval of Historical Commission By-Laws. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve the By-Laws of the Brown County Historical Commission. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #3)

Item #6: Ronnie Lappe-Discussion and possible action on amending contract for painting old jail. Discussion, no action.

Item #7: Stacy Guidry-Resolution for recycling used TV's. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve a Resolution in support of legislation requiring producers of televisions and other electronics to participate in producer takeback recycling programs. Judge West seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #4)

Item #8: Bobby Grubbs-Employee changes. Commissioner Gist moved that the following personnel changes, at the Sheriff's Department, be approved:

**Jonathon Bradley Simpson/Jailer/employed
effective 04-29-2009**

**Edwin Dupree/Jailer/discontinued
effective 04-17-2009 (Exhibit #5)**

**Michael Alan Heath/Jailer/employed
effective 04-24-2009**

**Jenny Johnson/Jailer/discontinued
effective 04-16-2009 (Exhibit #6)**

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

Item #9: Bobby Duvall-Discussion and possible action on advertising for bids for repair of roof at Law Enforcement Center. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court authorize the Sheriff's Department to advertise for bids, to repair the roof at the Brownwood/Brown County Law Enforcement Center, after they have modified the bid specifications to their satisfaction. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

Item #10: Richard Gist, Precinct #3-Application (Verizon) to extend cable on CR #290. Commissioner Gist moved that a notice, made by GTE Southwest Inc. d/b/a Verizon Southwest, of construction of a communication line within the right-of-way of County Road #290, in Precinct #3, be approved; subject to Brown County specifications. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #7)

Item #11: Richard Gist, Precinct #3-Approval of equipment purchase/financing. Commissioner Gist moved that he be authorized to purchase a Caterpillar motor grader, for Precinct #3. This is to be purchased through the Buy Board, not to exceed \$156,500.00, and to be financed through Texas Bank. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #12: Becky Caffey-Discussion of food service bid and possible action to adopt. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve the only bid received, for food service for the Brown County Law Enforcement Center, from Five Star Correctional Services, Inc. and to authorize Judge West to sign the one year Contract, on behalf of the Commissioner's Court. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #8)

Item #13: Tony Aaron-Courthouse security proposal and proposed budget for the remainder of budget year. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the Sheriff's proposal to provide proper security to the Brown County Courthouse. The hiring of Courthouse Security personnel and locking the south door of the Courthouse and starting the Security Metal Detector will be implemented for the remainder of the 2008/2009 budget year, with the limit of expenditures to be \$32,445.00. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #9)

Item #14: Amy Clopton, DTS-Presentation regarding satellite phones. Passed.

Item #15: Approval of Tax Resale Deed-Lakshminarayanan Skinivsan, Tract 2, Lot 1144, Oak Point Subdivision; and Donnie Childers and Carlissa Childers, 1.0 acre, more or less, situated in the Northeast One-Quarter of Section 16, B.B.B. & C.R.R. Company Survey.

Judge West moved that the Court approve a Tax Resale Deed to Lakshminarayanan Skinivasan for Lot 1144, Oak Point Subdivision, Brown County, Texas. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #10)

Judge West moved that the Court approve a Tax Resale Deed to Donnie and Carlissa Childers for 1.0 acre, more or less, situated in the Northeast One-Quarter of Section 16, B.B.B & C.R.R. Company Survey, Brown County, Texas. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #11)

E. Reports. The May 5, 2009 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #12)

Sheriff Grubbs presented the Texas Commission on Jail Standards Jail Population Report, for filing. (Exhibit #13)

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. (Exhibit #14)

G. Adjourn. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court adjourn until May 11, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted unanimously to approve.

