

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on September 14, 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>

**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 Adams moved that the minutes of the September 8, 2009 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 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: Robert Porter-Presentation regarding Property & Casualty Insurance Proposal Review. Robert Porter, from Porter Insurance Agency and Robert Pridemore, from Wells Fargo Insurance Services, presented to the Court a Property & Casualty Insurance Proposal for Brown County for the 2009/2010 budget year. After discussion, no action was taken. (Exhibit #1)**

**Item #2: Scott Anderson-Consideration and approval of replacement employee. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court approve the employment of Misty Petty as the Office Manager for the Brown County Extension Office, effective August 24, 2009. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #2)**

**Item #3: Steve Ellis-Consideration and approval of replacement employee. Passed.**

**Item #4: Sharon Ferguson-consideration and approval of lease for copier. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court authorize the upgrade and renewal of a contract for two Xerox copy machines, for use in the Brown County Clerk's Office. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. (Exhibit #3)**

**Item #5: Kitty Cavanaugh, Child Welfare Board-Discussion and approval of four new board members. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the appointment of the following Brown County citizens to serve on the Brownwood-Brown County Child Welfare Board:**

**Sherry Clark (term expires 09-30-2012)**

**Paul Coghlan (term expires 09-30-2012)**

**Elizabeth Wells (term expires 09-30-2012)**

**Susan Gilger (term expires 09-30-2012)**

**Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. (Exhibit #4)**

**Item #6: Steve Adams, Precinct #1-Consideration and approval of replacement employee. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve the employment of Tim Simms as a Road Hand for Precinct #1, effective September 9, 2009. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. (Exhibit #5)**

**Item #7: Larry Traweek, Precinct #4-Application to install water line, David Street. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve an application, made by Bryan Allen, to install a buried line within the right-of-way of 170 David Street, in Precinct #4; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. (Exhibit #6)**

**Item #8: Consideration and possible approval of Tax Resale Deed-Kathy H. Wells, Lot 407, Thunderbird Bay Subdivision, Section 1 and Lot 408, Thunderbird Bay Subdivision, Section 1. Judge West moved that the Court approve a Tax Resale Deed to Kathy H. Wells for Lot 407 and Lot 408, Thunderbird Bay Subdivision, Section 1, Brown County, Texas. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #7)**

### **SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA**

**Item #1: Public Hearing on Tax increase. Judge West called the Public Hearing on tax increase to order. Judge West asked for comments from the audience. Mr. J.V. Hall addressed the Court. The proposed budget is available for review in the Brown County Clerk's Office, Brown County Courthouse, Brownwood, Texas.**

#### **Statement required Local Government Code 111.03 (b)**

**The proposed budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$216,919.00 or 0.42%, and of that amount, \$199,874.00 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year. Judge West announced that the second Public Hearing for the tax increase for the 2009/2010 Brown County Fiscal Year will be on September 18, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. Judge West then recessed the public hearing on tax increase.**

**E. Reports. The September 14, 2009 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #8)**

**Judge West reported to the Court that District Judge Stephen Ellis has conducted his annual public hearing and has set the salaries for the County Auditor and the Assistant County Auditor for Brown County and established the amount to be contributed by Brown County and Mills County for the District Court Reporter's salary. (Exhibits #9 & #10)**

**Commissioner Adams reported to the Court that John Benner, Precinct #1 Jail Crew Deputy, is retiring. Commissioner Adams invited the Court to a retirement party fish fry, to be held on September 26, 2009, honoring Mr. Benner for his service.**

**Brent Bush, Brown County Emergency Management Coordinator, reported on the recent Homeland Security meeting he attended in Abilene, Texas.**

**F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Adams moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Nina Cox, be paid. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. (Exhibit #11)**

**G. Approval of Treasurer's Report. The Total of Funds Under the Care and Custody of Brown County Treasurer for August 2009 Report was approved after a motion by Judge West and a second by Commissioner Gist. The Court voted 4-0 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. (Exhibit #12)**

**H. Recess. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court recess until September 18, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted unanimously to approve.**

