

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on September 18, 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

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 September 14, 2009 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Gist 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: Steve Ellis-Consideration and approval of replacement employee. Judge West moved that the Court approve the employment of Cheryl Throckmorton, to replace Lawanna Sewalt, as District Court Coordinator, at the recommended salary of \$26,250.00, subject to a review of salaries for all Brown County Court Coordinator's.

Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted as follows:

Judge West-aye

Commissioner Adams-aye

Commissioner Kelton-nay

Commissioner Gist-aye (Exhibit #1)

Item #2: David Hefner-Request budget amendment. Passed.

Item #3: Ray West-Consideration and approval Indigent Defense Grant Program Resolution. Judge West moved that the Court adopt the 2010 Brown County Resolution/Indigent Defense Grant Program. The Resolution must be adopted annually in order for Brown County to participate in the Grant Program. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #2)

Item #4: Public hearing on tax increase. Judge West asked for comments from the audience. There were none. After discussion, Judge West announced that the Brown County Tax Rate and Budget for Fiscal Year 2009/2010 will be adopted in the Commissioner's Court meeting on September 28, 2009.

E. Reports. Passed.

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 #3)

G. Recess. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court recess until September 21, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted unanimously to approve.

