

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on September 28, 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 September 21, 2009 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Kelton 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: Amy Hamrick-Consideration and approval of replacement employee. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court approve the following personnel changes in the Indigent Health Care Office:

T'Anna McClure/Indigent Health Care Assistant/employed effective 09-24-2009

Cindy Steeger/Indigent Health Care Assistant/discontinued effective 09-11-2009 (Exhibit #1)

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

Item #2: David Hefner-Budget amendments. Discussion, no action.

Item #3: Suzy Young-Consideration and approval regarding election expenses and discussion of salaries. Discussion, no action.

Item #4: Don King-Consideration and approval for Prairie Hill Subdivision, Dana Smith. Discussion, no action.

Item #5: Cheryl Nelson-Consideration and approval for continuation of temporary employee. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court authorize the continued temporary employment of Chrystal Smith, at \$8.66 an hour, in the Tax Assessor-Collector's Office. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #6: Ray West-Consideration and possible approval of change order for LEC roof/drain repair project. Judge West moved that the Court approve a change order in the original Contract, with Lydick-Hooks Roofing Co. Inc., for the roof replacement/repair project for the Brown County Law Enforcement Center. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted as follows:

Judge West-aye

Commissioner Adams-aye

Commissioner Kelton-nay

Commissioner Traweek-aye

Commissioner Gist-aye

(Exhibit #2)

Item #7: David Withers-Consideration and approval of “Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program” Resolution. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court approve a resolution certifying that the County has made a grant to Camp Bowie Senior Citizens, City of Brownwood, that will allow the county to apply for its share of a grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture to assist with financing a home delivery meal program that provides meals to homebound persons in the County who are elderly and/or have a disability. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #3)

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

Item #1: Adopt Budget. Judge West asked for comments from the audience. Joe Cooksey commented on the proposed budget and expressed concerns about the 2009/2010 budget. After discussion, Judge West presented to the Court two alternative proposals of the 2009/2010 Brown County Budget, submitted for adoption. Judge West moved that the first alternative, that reflects a Court Administrator's yearly salary as \$29,000.00, be adopted, as submitted by Brown County Auditor Nina Cox. The motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court adopt the second alternative of the Brown County Budget for 2009/2010, as submitted by County Auditor Nina Cox. The second alternative of the budget does not reflect a Court Administrator's yearly salary as \$29,000.00. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted as follows:

Judge West-nay

Commissioner Adams-aye

Commissioner Kelton-aye

Commissioner Gist-aye

Commissioner Traweek-aye

From the audience, Brent Forsman suggested that the Court not approve the 2009/2010 budget.

Item #2: Approve budget with tax increase. Commissioner Adams moved that the Brown County Property Tax be increased by the adoption of a total tax rate of 0.5227. The adopted Brown County budget for 2009/2010 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. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #4)

E. Reports. The September 28, 2009 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #5)

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Kelton moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Nina Cox, be paid, voiding claim #025971 for \$847.57 payable to David Hefner Constable Precinct #2 and changing the amount of claim #026123 payable to King Land Surveying from \$5,416.67 to \$4,875.00. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #6)

G. The Court may recess following the conclusion of the above stated items and may reconvene at 2:00 P.M. for the following items:

Judge West announced that the Court was in recess and will convene at 2:00 P.M. to travel to the Upper Pecan Bayou Site 26.

Item #8: Ricky Marks-County Commissioners Court tour of site 26, Upper Pecan Bayou. Commissioner Pro-tem Adams called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. in the Commissioner's Courtroom.

Members of the Court present were:

Steve Adams	County Commissioner, Precinct #1
Joel Kelton	County Commissioner, Precinct #2
Richard Gist	County Commissioner, Precinct #3
Larry Traweek	County Commissioner, Precinct #4

Also present:

Sharon Ferguson	County Clerk
Ricky Marks	National Resource Conservation Service
Jule Richmond	Chairman, Pecan Bayou Soil & Water Conservation Board
Cindy Wood	Recording Secretary-Pecan Bayou Soil & Water Conservation
Randy Purcell	Road Foreman, Precinct #2

The above mentioned people traveled to the Upper Pecan Bayou Site 26. Discussion followed about the high hazard flood control dam. No action was taken. (Exhibit #7)

H. Recess. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court recess until September 29, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

