

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on October 19, 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 October 5, 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: Amy Hamrick-Consideration and approval of county holidays. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court adopt Holidays for Calendar Year 2010, as listed in Exhibit #1 to these minutes. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #1)

Item #2: Ray West-Consideration and appointment of members to the Local Advisory Board. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve the creation of the Brown County Local Data Advisory Board pursuant to HB2730, an addition to Article 21, Section 21.001, Chapter 60, of the Code of Criminal Procedures (CCP) and authorize Judge West to appoint board members. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #3: Jan Brown-Consideration and approval of transferring employee to Chief Deputy position and a replacement employee. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court approve the following personnel change in the District Clerk's Office:

**Cathy Hale/Deputy Clerk/employed
effective 10-09-2009**

**Elaine Burks/Chief Deputy Clerk/discontinued
effective 10-07-2009 (Exhibit #2)**

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

Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve the promotion of Donna Steel, District Clerk Deputy, to the position of District Clerk Chief Deputy, with a salary increase, effective October 9, 2009. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #3)

Item #4: Jule Richmond, Pecan Bayou Soil & Water Conservation District-Approval of bid for flood prevention sites repairs and maintenance. Ricky Marks, from the National Resource Conservation Service, informed the Court that the Pecan Bayou Soil and Water Conservation District voted to approve the bid, from Duane Bechtold, for work to be done (brush and fence removal) on the Upper Pecan Bayou Site 26. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the bid from Duane Bechtold. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #4)

Item #5: Ray West-Proclamation declaring the month of October 2009 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Brown County. Judge West moved that the Court sign a proclamation declaring the month of October 2009 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Brown County. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #5)

Item #6: Sherry Ornelas, The ARK-Proclamation declaring the month of October 2009 as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court sign a proclamation declaring the month of October 2009 to be National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Brown County. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #6)

Item #7: Bryan Thompson-Consideration and approval of new contract with Westlaw. Discussion, no action.

Item #8: Bryan Thompson-Consideration and approval of replacement copier. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court authorize Bryan Thompson, Justice of the Peace, Precinct #3, to sign a lease agreement for a replacement copier, from Kirbo's Office Systems. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #9: Brown County Appraisal District-Reappoint board members. Judge West moved that the Court approve the re-appointment of Tommy Petross, as one of Brown County's representatives, to the Brown County Tax Appraisal District Board. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

Item #10: Billy Murphey-Presentation of VA Expenditures in the County and request and possible approval for computer. Billy Murphey, Brown County Veteran's Service Officer, and James Masters, Assistant Brown County Veteran's Service Officer, presented a slide show presentation, to the Court, of 2008 Veterans Administration expenditures. (Exhibit #7)

Commissioner Adams moved that Billy Murphey, Brown County Veteran's Service Officer, be authorized to purchase a computer, for \$892.80, from Computex of Brownwood. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #8)

Item #11: Becky Caffey-Discussion and possible approval of contract with Harris Broadband. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court authorize an expenditure of \$289.95 (installation fee, which covers the installation costs and the first months video basic service), and a monthly expenditure of \$210.00, for the Sheriff's Department to contract with Harris Broadband (Option 1) for satellite installation and subscription service for the Brown County Jail facility. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #9)

Item #12: Larry Traweek-Discussion and possible approval of vehicle purchase for Precinct #4. Commissioner Traweek moved that he be authorized to purchase a 2003 Chevrolet 4 door pick-up truck for \$9,750.00, for Precinct #4. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #13: Nina Cox-Budget amendments. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve Budget Amendments for the Brown County 2008/2009 Budget, as presented by County Auditor Nina Cox. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #10)

Item #14: Keith Allen-Report on status of baluster repair. Keith Allen, Brown County Maintenance Supervisor, reported to the Court that 28 of the 66 balusters, in need of repair, have been poured.

E. Reports. The October 19, 2009 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #11)

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by Sheriff Grubbs, for filing. (Exhibit #12)

Wendy Patterson, West Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Coordinator, was introduced to the Court.

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Gist moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Nina Cox, be paid. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #13)

G. Approval of Treasurer's Report. The Total Of Funds Under The Care and Custody of Brown County Treasurer and Auditor's Report for September, 2009 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Traweek and a second by Commissioner Kelton. The Court voted 5-0 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 #14)

H. Recess. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court recess until October 26, 2009 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted unanimously to approve.

