

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on February 8, 2010 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 February 2, 2010 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: Tommy Petross, Brown County Farm Bureau- Consideration and approval of Proclamation to designate February 21 to February 27 as Food Check-Out Week. After discussion with Tommy Petross, representing the Brown County Farm Bureau, and Scott Anderson, Brown County Extension Agent, Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court authorize Judge West to sign an Official Proclamation that designates February 21 through February 27, 2010 as Food Check-Out Week in Brown County. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #1)

Item #2: Buddy McIntyre with National Weather Service- Presentation to Brown County as a designated storm ready county. Buddy McIntyre, Meteorologist with the National Weather Service, congratulated Brown County for meeting the guidelines for StormReady recognition and being designated and certified as a StormReady county. Mr. McIntyre presented Brent Bush, Brown County Emergency Management Coordinator, with two road signs, to be placed in the county, stating that Brown County is a designated StormReady county. (Exhibit #2)

Item #3: Chris Weber-Discussion and invitation to Central Texas Wildfire Academy. Chris Weber informed the Court that the Texas Forest Service and the Dam Volunteer Fire Department are sponsoring the Central Texas Wildfire Academy on February 19-21, 2010. He told the Court that the school will be dedicated to the late Onie Carroll. He invited the Commissioners to attend. (Exhibit #3)

Item #4: Frank Griffin-Consideration and possible approval to buy filing cabinets. Passed.

Item #5: Larry Traweek, Precinct #4-Consideration and possible approval of agreement with Allison & Bass regarding Census Services. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve the Flat Rate/Fixed Fee Contract For Professional Services with the firm of Allison, Bass & Associates, L.L.P. for preparing an Initial Assessment of existing political boundaries. Brown County's costs, for obtaining this suitable 2010 Census Data, are \$1,500.00. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #4)

Item #6: Sharon Ferguson-Consideration and approval of records management funds project. Commissioner Adams moved that County Clerk Sharon Ferguson be authorized to contract with Scott Merriman Incorporated to repair record books. John Simpson, of Nationwide Binding, will do the work. The price for this project is \$11,500.00 and is to be paid from the Records Archive Fund. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #5)

E. Reports. The February 8, 2010 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #6)

Judge West informed the Court that he had made inquiries concerning staffing at the Elections Administration Office.

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Gist moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Nina Cox, be paid. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #7)

G. Approval of Treasurer's/Auditor's Report. The Total of Funds Under the Care & Custody of Brown Treasurer and Auditor's Report for January, 2010 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Adams 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 #8)

H. Recess. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court recess until February 16, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted unanimously to approve.

