

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on May 3, 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 Gist moved that the minutes of the April 19, 2010 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: Ray West-Consideration and possible approval of burn ban. Discussion, no action.

Item #2: Richard Gist, Precinct #3-Application to install private line, CR #309. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court approve an application, made by Zephyr Water Supply, to install a buried line within the right-of-way of County Road #309, in Precinct #3; subject to Brown County specifications. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #1)

Item #3: Richard Gist, Precinct #3-Application to install private line, CR #305. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court approve an application, made by Zephyr Water Supply, to install a buried line within the right-of-way of County Road #305, in Precinct #3; subject to Brown County specifications. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #2)

Item #4: Richard Gist, Precinct #3-Approval of employee. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court approve the following personnel change in Precinct #3:

**Shane Simmons/Road Hand/employed
effective 05-01-2010 (Exhibit #3)**

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

Item #5: Steve Adams, Precinct #1-Application to install private line, Stephen F. Austin. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve an application, made by City of Brownwood, to install a sewer line within the right-of-way of Stephen F. Austin/FM 3064, in Precinct #1; subject to Brown County specifications. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

(Exhibit #4)

Item #6: Cheryl Nelson-Consideration and request for approval for conference registration for tax office employees. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court authorize Cheryl Nelson, Brown County Tax Assessor Collector, to expend \$2,647.95, from her Travel Fund, and \$1,046.05, from her Penalty and Interest Fund, to pay for her and all of her staff to attend the 56th Annual TACA Conference in Abilene, Texas on June 6, 2010 through June 10, 2010. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #5)

Item #7: Sharon Ferguson-Consideration and approval of transferring employees to Supervisor positions and a replacement employee. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the following personnel change in the County Clerk's office:

**Jackie Gaston/Deputy County Clerk/employed
effective 05-01-2010**

**Barbara Shields/County Clerk Supervisor/discontinued
effective 04-09-2010 (Exhibit #6)**

**Carol Holamon/County Clerk Supervisor/salary change
effective 05-01-2010 (Exhibit #7)**

**Irene Holmes/County Clerk Supervisor/salary change
effective 05-01-2010 (Exhibit #8)**

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

E. Reports. The May 3, 2010 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #9)

Brent Bush, Brown County Emergency Management Coordinator, reported to the Court that the signs designating Brown County as a "storm ready county" are ready to be installed at the five main highway entries to the county.

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Adams 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 #10)

Commissioner Gist moved that the Court recess until 11:15 A.M. when it re-convenes to consider Item #8. The meeting will take place at the New Horizons Ranch in Goldthwaite, Texas. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #8: At the conclusion of Commissioner Court we will re-convene at New Horizons Ranch in Goldthwaite, Texas for lunch and a tour of the facility. Judge West reconvened the meeting.

Members of the Court present were:

County Judge E. Ray West III

Commissioner Steve Adams, Precinct #1

Commissioner Joel Kelton, Precinct #2

Commissioner Richard Gist, Precinct #3

Commissioner Larry Traweek, Precinct #4

County Clerk Sharon Ferguson

Administrative Assistant Amy Hamrick

Also present was District Attorney Michael Murray. After having lunch, at the New Horizons Ranch, the Court toured the facilities. New Horizons is a non-profit agency dedicated to providing an environment where children and families are able to heal and grow through caring relationships, unconditional love and acceptance. (Exhibit #11)

G. Adjourn. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court adjourn until May 10, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court Voted 4-0 to approve.

