

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on September 7, 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:**

<b>E. RAY WEST III</b>	<b>COUNTY JUDGE</b>
<b>STEVE ADAMS</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1</b>
<b>JOEL KELTON</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2</b>
<b>RICHARD GIST</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3</b>
<b>LARRY TRAWEEK</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4</b>

**Also present:**

<b>SHARON FERGUSON</b>	<b>COUNTY CLERK</b>
<b>NINA COX</b>	<b>COUNTY AUDITOR</b>
<b>AMY HAMRICK</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT</b>

**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 August 23, 2010 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Adams 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: Sheriff's Office-Employee changes. Commissioner Adams moved that the following personnel changes be made in the Sheriff's Office:**

**Amanda Deeds/Patrol Secretary/employed**

**beginning salary-effective 08-25-2010**

**Martha Smoot/Patrol Secretary/discontinued**

**effective 08-17-2010 (Exhibit #1)**

**Joseph B. Wallace/Jailer/employed**

**beginning salary-effective 08-30-2010**

**David R. Gist/Jailer/discontinued**

**effective 06-24-2010 (Exhibit #2)**

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

**Item #2: Tony Aaron-Consideration and possible approve for purchase of cabinet for courthouse security. Passed.**

**Item #3: Tony Aaron-Consideration and possible approval for Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Brownwood concerning fire investigations. After discussion with Tony Aaron and City of Brownwood Fire Marshal Buddy Preston, Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve a Memorandum Of Understanding Between Brown County And The City Of Brownwood. The agreement is that the City of Brownwood will provide a Fire Marshal to conduct fire investigations in Brown County excluding Bangs and Early, Texas, effective October 1, 2010. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #3)**

**Item #4: Tony Aaron-Consideration and possible approval of Resolution Memorandum of Understanding with City of Brownwood and public input of grant funds for the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Regular Grant (EBJAG) 2010 for \$12,193.00 with Brown County's share in the amount of \$4,389.00. Judge West asked for public input into use of these funds for a local law enforcement project, there was no comment. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #4)**

**Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve a Memorandum Of Understanding Between Brown County And The City Of Brownwood to approve the City of Brownwood as its Fiscal Agent for administration of the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Regular Grant 2010-H8960-TX-DJ for \$12,193.00, with Brown County's share in the amount of \$4,389.00 and the City of Brownwood's share in the amount of \$7,804.00. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #5)**

**Item #5: Michael Sweetman-Discussion and possible approval of private function on courthouse grounds. Michael Sweetman, representing the Awakening America Alliance, requested the use of the Courthouse grounds, for CRY OUT AMERICA, a nationwide prayer gathering to be held on September 11, 2010. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize the use of the Courthouse grounds; according to the guidelines set out in the Commissioner's Court minutes. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #6)**

**Item #6: Steve Blake-Consideration and possible approval to place Brown County Pioneers display in the courthouse. Passed.**

**Item #7: Nina Cox-Present annual JP Audit. Nina Cox, Brown County Auditor, presented, for filing, the Justice of the Peace Audit for the twelve month period ended on September 30, 2009 for each of the Justice of the Peace for Brown County. The Audit was performed by Weldon A. Stark, Certified Public Accountant. (Exhibit #7)**

**Item #8: Cheryl Nelson-Consideration and possible approval to order equipment needed for the process of accepting credit cards. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize Cheryl Nelson, Brown County Tax Assessor Collector, to purchase five laptop computers at \$329.98 each, for use in her office for the process of accepting credit cards. The total of \$1,650.00, will be paid from the Tax Assessor-Collector Penalty and Interest Fund. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**Item #9: Tax Resale Deed-Steve Brindle, Lot 93, Oak Ridge Estates Subdivision, Phase 1 and Daniel Vasquez, Lots 19, 20 and 21, Block 54, Brownwood Heights Addition. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve a Tax Re-Sale Deed to Steve Brindle for Lot 93, Oak Ridge Estates Subdivision, Phase 1, Brownwood, Brown County, Texas. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #8)**

**Commissioner Gist moved that the Court approve a Tax Re-Sale Deed to Daniel Vasquez for Lots 19, 20 and 21, Block 54, Brownwood Heights Addition, City of Brownwood, Brown County, Texas. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #9)**

**Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court recess for 10 minutes before discussing Item #10. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**Item #10: Budget Workshop. Judge West called the Budget Workshop to order. After discussion, no action was taken.**

**E. Reports. The September 7, 2010 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #10)**

**The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented for filing, by the Sheriff's Office. (Exhibit #11)**

**F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Adams moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Nina Cox, be paid. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #12)**

**G. Adjourn. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court adjourn until September 13, 2010, at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

