

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on October 12, 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 October 1, 2010 and October 4, 2010 meetings 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: Public hearing on Budget for FY 2010-2011. Judge West asked for public comments from the audience concerning the Brown County Budget for Fiscal Year 2010/2011. There were none.

Item #2: Adopt Budget (ratification). Commissioner Gist moved that the Court ratify the adoption of the proposed budget, as adopted on action taken October 1, 2010, for Fiscal Year 2010/2011. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (See Minutes October 1, 2010 Exhibit #1)

Item #3: Adopt Tax Rate (ratification). The Court approved to ratify the adoption of the Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2010/2011, as approved on action taken October 4, 2010, as follows:

**General Fund 0.4023 motion by Commissioner Adams
second by Commissioner Traweek
vote: 5-0 in favor**

**Debt Service 0.0371 motion by Commissioner Traweek
second by Commissioner Gist
vote: 5-0 in favor**

**Road and Flood 0.0775 motion by Commissioner Adams
second by Commissioner Kelton
vote: 5-0 in favor**

Total Tax Rate 0.5169 (See Minutes October 1, 2010 Exhibit #2)

Item #4: Set compensation of elected officials. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court set the compensation of elected officials for Fiscal Year 2010/2011 at the same level as Fiscal Year 2009/2010. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

Item #5: THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$160,000.00 AND OF THAT AMOUNT \$160,000.00 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR. APPROVE BUDGET PURSUANT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE 111.009(c). Commissioner Adams moved that the property tax rate be decreased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.5169, which is effectively a 0.27 decrease in the tax rate. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (See Minutes from October 1, 2010 Exhibit #3)

Item #6: Tony Aaron-Consideration and possible approval of office equipment. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court authorize the Sheriff's Department to purchase a document scanner for \$1,600.00. This expenditure will be paid from Non-Departmental Funds. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #7: Bill Owen-Consideration and approval of Proclamation declaring the month of October 2010 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Brown County. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court adopt a Proclamation declaring the month of October 2010 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Brown County. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. Cheryl Nelson, Brown County Tax Assessor-Collector, addressed the Court concerning breast cancer awareness. (Exhibit #1)

Item #8: Suzy Young-Consideration and possible approval of office equipment. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court authorize Elections Administrator Suzy Young to purchase one office desk using funds from Fund #38 and one office desk using funds from Elections Administrator Office Supplies Fund. The total purchase price for both desks is \$3,195.00. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #2)

Item #9: Suzy Young- Consideration and possible approval to purchase electronic poll books out of HAVA fund. After discussion, with Elections Administrator Suzy Young, Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve a proposal, from VOTEC Election Management Software & Services, to install 5 Electronic Poll Books in Brown County. The total investment price of \$8,950.00, including maintenance, will be paid using HAVA Funds. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #3)

Item #10: Suzy Young-Consideration and possible approval of appointment of Democrat Alternate Election Judge for un-expired term. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve the appointment of Hortencia Torrez, to replace Joy Early, as a Democrat Alternate Election Judge, for Precinct #4, for an un-expired term. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

E. Reports. The October 12, 2010 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #4)

The Texas Commission on Jail Standards Jail Population Report for October 12, 2010 was presented for filing, by the Sheriff's Office. (Exhibit #5)

Don King, Brown County Surveyor, addressed the Court concerning the rules and regulations, or sequence, for submitting plats for filing.

Brent Bush, Brown County Emergency Management Coordinator, addressed the Court concerning efforts being taken for training for emergency preparedness at home.

The FY 2010 Chapter 59 Asset Forfeiture Audit Report was presented by County Auditor Nina Cox, for filing. (Exhibit #6)

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Adams moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Nina Cox, be paid. Judge West seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. Commissioner Gist was not present for the vote.

(Exhibit #7)

G. Approval of Treasurer's/Auditor's Report. The Total Of Funds Under The Care & Custody Of Brown County Treasurer And Auditor's Report For September 2010 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Kelton and a second by Commissioner Traweek. The Court voted 4-0 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. Commissioner Gist was not present for the vote. (Exhibit #8)

H. Recess. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court recess until October 18, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

