

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on March 14, 2011 at 9:00 A. M. in the Commissioner's Courtroom, Brown County Courthouse, 200 South Broadway Brownwood, Texas. Judge Pro-Tem Adams 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:

IRENE HOLMES	CHIEF DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK
NINA COX	COUNTY AUDITOR

A. Opening prayer. Commissioner Gist led the Court in the invocation.

B. Reading and approval of minutes. Commissioner Kelton moved that the minutes of the March 7, 2011 meeting be approved, as presented by Chief Deputy County Clerk Irene Holmes. 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: Micheal Murray, District Attorney-Consideration and possible approval of employee changes. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court approve the following personnel changes in the District Attorney's Office:

**Tommy Adams/Assistant District Attorney/employed
effective 03-21-2011**

**H.W. McGowen/Assistant District Attorney/discontinued
effective 03-23-2011**

Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #1)

Item #2: Frank Griffin, County Court At Law Judge-Consideration and possible approval of Resolution for DWI Court. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve a Resolution authorizing Frank Griffin, Judge of the County Court At Law, operating as a DWI Court, to make application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division Grant program for DWI Courts. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #2)

Item #3: Nina Cox-Consideration and possible approval of Violence Against Women's Act Conference (3 attendees). Judge West moved that the Court authorize an expenditure, of \$345.00, for Elisha Nix, Vickie Ratliff, and Mechail Cox, to attend a Violence Against Women's Act Conference in Dallas. The expenditure, of \$345.00, will be paid from the District Attorney Travel Fund (\$115.00) and the County Attorney Travel Fund (\$230.00). Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

Item #4: Tony Aaron-Consideration and possible approval of K-9 handling compensation. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve a additional \$100.00 per month salary increase for K9 Patrol Deputy James Stroope. The \$100.00 rank pay will be paid from the Sheriff's Office Evercom Fund. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #3)

Item #5: Richard Gist-Consideration and possible approval of employee changes. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court approve the employment of James Wells as a road hand, in Precinct #3, with the option of a pay increase within the probationary period. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #4)

Item #6: Sharon Ferguson-Consideration and possible approval of re-designation of location of bulletin board for the posting of Public Notices. Due to the construction of new posting boards inside the Courthouse, Judge West moved that the west hallway of the first floor of the Courthouse be re-designated as the official location for posting public notices and foreclosure notices with the South Broadway porch to remain as the designated location for the foreclosure sales. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

E. Reports. The March 14, 2011 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #5)

The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented for filing, by Sheriff Grubbs. (Exhibit #6)

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Adams moved that the claims, as presented by Assistant County Auditor Josie Contreras, be paid. Commissioner Kelton 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 County Treasurer And Auditor's Report for February, 2011 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Traweek and a second by Commissioner Kelton. 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. (Exhibit #8)

H. Recess. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court recess until March 21, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

