

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on May 9, 2011 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>JOSIE CONTRERAS</b>	<b>ASSISTANT 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 Kelton moved that the minutes of the May 2, 2011 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: Bobby Grubbs-Employee changes. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court authorize the following personnel changes in the Sheriff's Department:**

**Nathan Donald/Jailer/employed**

**effective 04-25-2011**

**Cruzetta Sepulveda/promoted to Jailer Sgt**

**effective 04-11-2011 (Exhibit #1)**

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

**Item #2: Ray West-Consideration and possible approval of extension of burn ban. Discussion, no action.**

**Item #3: Ray West-Consideration and possible approval of possible removal and trimming of trees at Courthouse; resodding and replacement of turf grass and shrubs. Judge West moved that the Court approve a proposal, from Trees Forever Nursery, for \$1,725.00, for sod work and replacement of turf grass and shrubs on the south-side Courthouse lawn. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #2)**

**The Court reviewed 2 proposals, from ProScape, for \$1,350.00 and Ace Tree Service, for \$1,786.12, for trimming the pecan trees and pine tree on the south-side Courthouse lawn. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve the proposal from ProScape for \$1,350.00. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-1, with Commissioner Gist voting nay. (Exhibits #3 and #4)**

**Item #4: Ann Krpoun, TCDRS Retirement Plan-Consideration and possible approval of revisions to County Retirement Plan.**

**Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve the participation of Brown County in the Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS) for the 2011/2012 plan year, with the same options as the 2010/2011 plan, except the County's required contribution rate will be 6.91%, compared to a 6.57% rate for the 2010/2011 plan year. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #5)**

**Item #5: Brent Bush-Consideration and possible approval of expenditures of 2009 Homeland Security Grant funds. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court authorize Brent Bush, Brown County Emergency Management Coordinator, to purchase equipment from B&S Services using Homeland Security Grant funds. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #6)**

**Item #6: Joyce Leidig-Consideration and possible approval of Proclamation declaring the month of May as National Military Appreciation Month in Brown County. After a Proclamation was read by Cheryl Campbell, Commissioner Gist moved that the Court proclaim the period May 1, through June 14, 2011 as National Military Appreciation Month in Brown County. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #7)**

**Item #7: Joyce Leidig-Presentation of pictures to Goldstar families. Joyce Leidig, on behalf of the Military Family Support group, read the biographical information of each of the four “fallen heroes”. The “Gold Star” families, of the fallen, were presented a bouquet of flowers and the framed photo of their loved one that once hung in the Courthouse. The fallen heroes are:**

**U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Mario Castillo, killed in action  
in Iraq, June 10, 2005**

**U.S. Marine Cpl. Craig Ledsome, killed in action  
In Iraq, November 25, 2006**

**U.S. Army Spc. Marieo Guerrero, killed in action  
In Iraq, March 17, 2007**

**U.S. Army Spc. Wesley Burkett, killed in action  
In Iraq, March 10, 20**

**A list of family members and visitors at Commissioner’s Court is attached to these minutes as Exhibit #8. (Exhibit #8)**

**E. Reports. The May 9, 2011 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #9)**

**The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report for May 9, 2011 was presented by the Sheriff’s Department, for filing. (Exhibit #10)**

**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 #11)**

**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 April, 2011 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Traweck 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 #12)**

**H. Recess. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court recess until May 16, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**Approved by the BROWN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**

**on the            day of            , 2011.**

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**COUNTY JUDGE**

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**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 1**

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**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 2**

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**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 3**

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**COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT NO. 4**

**ATTEST**

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**COUNTY CLERK**

**May 9, 2011 Meeting**