

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on August 22, 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:**

<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 Kelton moved that the minutes of the August 15, 2011 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: Joel Kelton, Precinct #2-Application to install phone line, CR #411. Commissioner Kelton moved that a notice, made by Windstream Communications, of construction of a communication line within the right-of-way of County Road #411, in Precinct #2, be approved; subject to Brown County specifications. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #1)**

**Item #2: Ray West-Consideration and possible approval of proposed tax rate for 2011-2012. After discussion, Commissioner Adams moved that the Court propose the tax rates for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 as follows:**

**General Fund Rate    0.4030    motion by Commissioner Adams  
second by Commissioner Kelton  
vote: 5-0 in favor**

**Debt Service Rate    0.0364    motion by Commissioner Adams  
second by Commissioner Kelton  
vote: 5-0 in favor**

**Road and Flood Rate 0.0775    motion by Commissioner Traweek  
second by Commissioner Gist  
vote: 5-0 in favor**

**The Total Tax Rate will be \$0.5169 per \$100.00 taxable value. The first public hearing will be August 31, 2011 and the second Public Hearing will be September 6, 2011. (Exhibit #2)**

**Item #3: Larry Traweek, Precinct #4-Application to install utility pole, CR #130. Commissioner Traweek moved that a notice, made by GTE Southwest, Inc., D/B/A Verizon Southwest, of construction of a communication line within the right-of-way of County Road #130, in Precinct #4, be approved; subject to Brown County specifications. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #3)**

**Item #4: Don King-Consideration and possible approval of payment of bill of surveying plat filing fees. Discussion, no action. (Exhibit #4)**

**Item #5: Suzy Young-Consideration and possible approval of the appointment of election judges and alternate judges. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve the proposed Democratic Party Alternate Election Judges and the proposed Republican Party Election Judges, for a term commencing September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012, as presented by Assistant Elections Administrator Larry Franks. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibits #5 and #6)**

**Item #6: Ava Hicks-Consideration and possible approval of the “Cry Out America” prayer service on September 11, 2011 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the North side of the courthouse. Ava Hicks, representing the Awakening America Alliance, requested the use of the north side of the Courthouse grounds, for CRY OUT AMERICA, a nationwide prayer gathering to be held on September 11, 2011. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court authorize the use of the Courthouse grounds; according to the guidelines set out in the Commissioner’s Court minutes. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**Item #7: Bobby Grubbs-Employee changes. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approved following personnel changes in the Sheriff’s Department:**

**Ross Matthew Anderson/Jailer/employed  
effective 08-22-2011**

**Jonathan Brad Simpson/Jailer/discontinued  
effective 06-30-2011 (Exhibit #7)**

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

**Commissioner Adams moved that the Court recess until 11:15 a.m. this date to consider Item #8: Budget Workshop. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**Item #8: Budget Workshop. The Court re-convened at 11:15 A.M. for Budget Workshop. After discussion, no action was taken.**

**E. Reports. The August 22, 2011 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #8)**

**The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report for August 22, 2011 was presented for filing, by Sheriff Grubbs. (Exhibit #9)**

**Dr. John Dunn, Brown County Jail Medical Officer, reported on medical issues at the Brown County Jail.**

**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 #10)**

**G. Recess. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court recess until August 31, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

