

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on September 28, 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>CAROL HOLAMON</b>	<b>CHIEF DEPUTY 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 Adams moved that the minutes of the September 19, 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: Public hearing on FY2012 Budget. Judge West asked for comments from the public audience. There were none.**

**Item #2: Adopt Budget. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Brown County Budget, for fiscal year 2011/2012, be adopted. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #1)**

**Item #3: Adopt Tax Rate. Judge West moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a Total Tax Rate of .5169, which is effectively a 2.17 increase in the tax rate. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 7.75 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000.00 home by approximately \$26.10. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**The Court adopted a Resolution to approve the tax rates for  
Fiscal Year 2011/2012 as follows:**

**General Fund Rate**                   **.4030 per \$100.00 valuation**  
**motion by Judge West**  
**second by Commissioner Adams**  
**vote: 5-0 in favor**

**Debt Service Rate**                   **.0364 per \$100.00 valuation**  
**motion by Judge West**  
**second by Commissioner Traweek**  
**vote: 5-0 in favor**

**Road and Flood Rate**               **.0775 per \$100.00 valuation**  
**motion by Judge West**  
**second by Commissioner Kelton**  
**vote: 5-0 in favor**

**Total Tax Rate**                   **.5169 per \$100.00 valuation**

**(Exhibit #2)**

**Item #4: Set compensation of elected officials. Judge West moved that the Court approve a 3 percent increase, for all Brown County elected officials, in their gross salaries, for Fiscal Year 2011/2012. Constable Precinct #4 Jim Byars declined the 3 percent increase, by written statement. The Brown County Sheriff will also receive a \$100.00 per month salary increase in addition to the 3 percent salary increase given to all Brown County elected officials. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**Item #5: Nina Cox-Consideration and possible approval of travel policy. Passed.**

**E. Reports. The September 28, 2011 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #3)**

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

**G. Recess. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court recess until October 3, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

