

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on October 11, 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:

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 Kelton moved that the minutes of the October 3, 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: Ray West-Consideration and approval of Proclamation declaring the month of October 2011 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Brown County. Judge West moved that the Court approve a Proclamation declaring the month of October 2011 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Brown County. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #1)

Item #2: Joel Kelton, Precinct #2-Application to install water line, CR #420. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve an application, made by J.W. Brown, to install a water line within the right-of-way of County Road #420, in Precinct #2; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #2)

Item #3: Steve Adams, Precinct #1-Application to install private line, CR #194. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve an application, made by Brookesmith SUD, to install a buried line within the right-of-way of County Road #194, in Precinct #1; subject to Brown County specifications for boring under a road. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #3)

Item #4: Brent Bush-Consideration and possible approval of Fire Protection and Disaster Mutual Aid Agreement between Brown County and contiguous Counties. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve a Fire Protection And Disaster Mutual Aid Agreement between Brown County and contiguous counties (the volunteer fire departments within or providing services within Brown County).

Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #4)

Item #5: Richard Gist, Precinct #3-Consideration and possible approval of equipment purchase. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court authorize him to purchase a 2011 Dodge one ton truck to be used in Precinct #3. After the trade-in of a 2006 Ford one ton truck, the difference owed for the new truck is \$25,123.00. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

Commissioner Gist moved that \$25,123.00, for a 2011 Dodge one ton truck, for Precinct #3, be financed with Texas Bank, the County's depository. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

Item #6: Ann Krpoun-Consideration and possible approval of Assistant Treasurer Bond. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court approve the bond for Susan Franks, Brown County Assistant County Treasurer. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #5)

Item #7: Bobby Grubbs-Employee Changes. Commissioner Kelton moved that the following personnel changes be approved at the Sheriff's Department:

**John Fincher/Sgt Patrol/employed
effective 10-06-2011 with rank pay
Brian Lundy/discontinued as Sgt Patrol
transferred to Deputy Civil /Transport
effective 10-01-2011 (Exhibit #6)**

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

Item #8:

A. PUBLIC HEARING: Greg Bruner and James Campbell- Presentation of proposed tax abatement guidelines and criteria. After discussion, with James Campbell, Campbell Business Consultants LLC, the Court acknowledged receipt of the Guidelines And Criteria For Granting Tax Abatement documentation. Judge West asked if there were any questions and comments, from the public, concerning the proposed tax abatement. David Carroll, Brown County citizen and land owner, told the Court that he objects to the tax abatement and suggested the Court not vote on this matter until it could be further explored by the Court and the general public.

B. Consideration and possible approval of tax abatement guidelines and criteria. After discussion, with Gregory Bruner, Bruner Auto Group/6:21 Heartland Investments LLC, and James Campbell, Campbell Business Consultants LLC, Commissioner Gist moved that the Court adopt the Guidelines And Criteria For Granting Tax Abatement, as presented. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #7)

Item #9: Greg Bruner and James Campbell-Consideration and possible approval of tax abatement agreement with 6:21 Heartland Investments, LLC. After discussion with James Campbell, Campbell Business Consultants LLC, Gregory Bruner and Dwain Bruner, owners of the Bruner Auto Group/6:21 Heartland Investments LLC, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve a Tax Abatement Agreement between Brown County and 6:21 Heartland Investments LLC. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #8)

E. Reports. The October 11, 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 October 11, 2011 was presented for filing, by the Sheriff's Department. (Exhibit #10)

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Gist moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Nina Cox, be paid. Commissioner Adams 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 September 2011 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Traweek 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 Traweek moved that the Court recess until October 17, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

