

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on January 9, 2012 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 Traweek moved that the minutes of the January 3, 2012 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Kelton 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: Sheriff's Office-Employee changes. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court authorize the Sheriff's Department to hire Robert Ramirez, as a Deputy Patrol Officer, with higher than salary base pay of \$34,638.00 plus certification pay. The motion died for lack of a second. After discussion, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize the Sheriff's Department to hire Robert Ramirez, as a Deputy Patrol Officer, at the starting salary base pay of \$32,261.04 plus certification pay.

Robert Ramirez/Deputy Patrol/employed

effective 12-21-2011

Weston Copeland/Deputy Patrol/discontinued

effective 10-27-2011 (Exhibit #1)

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

Item #2: Tony Aaron-Consideration and possible approval of purchase of computer software for mobile data terminals.

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize an expenditure, of \$3,065.00, for the Sheriff's Department to purchase licensing and software for 14 laptop or mobile data units for all the patrol cars.

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

Item #3: Tony Aaron-Consideration and possible approval of in-car camera purchase from the City of Bangs. Commissioner Adams moved that the Court authorize an expenditure, of \$1,500.00, for the Sheriff's Department to purchase an in-car camera from the City of Bangs. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #4: Ray West-Consideration and possible approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Brown County and Abilene Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Inc. Judge West moved that the Court approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Abilene Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (ARCADA) and Brown County for the purpose of providing prevention/intervention programs that offer constructive methods designed to prevent and/or interrupt the onset or progression of substance abuse. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #2)

Item #5: Larry Traweck, Precinct #4-Application to install utility easement, CR #133. Commissioner Traweck moved that the Court approve an application, made by Brookesmith SUD, to install a buried line within the right-of-way of County Road #133, in Precinct #4; subject to Brown County specifications for boring a road. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #3)

Item #6: Joel Kelton-Consideration and possible approval of burn ban. Discussion, no action.

Item #7: Ray West-Consideration and possible approval of Brent Bush as full time Emergency Management Coordinator. Judge West moved that the Court approve the “full-time”, with benefits, employment of Brent Bush as Brown County Emergency Management Coordinator. Brent Bush was hired April 14, 2008 as a “permanent part-time” employee. His salary will not change. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-1 to approve as follows:

Judge West-aye

Commissioner Adams-aye

Commissioner Kelton-nay

Commissioner Gist-aye

Commissioner Traweek-aye

Item #8: Steve Adams, Precinct #1-Discussion and action regarding prohibiting swimming, wading and/or fishing on CR #257 at Ten Mile Crossing. After discussion, with Dr. Larry Beran, senior research scientist with the Texas AgriLife Research Extension Center, Bob Clark, landowner near “Ten Mile Crossing”, Jule Richmond, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation board, and Brown County Attorney Shane Britton, Commissioner Adams moved that the Court adopt a Resolution that within the boundaries of the County right-of-way for Brown County Road 257 at the “Ten Mile Crossing” where the same crosses the Pecan Bayou, there shall be no WADING, SWIMMING, BOATING, FISHING, HUNTING, NOR CAMPING. Judge West seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #4)

E. Reports. The January 9, 2012 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 for January 9, 2012 was presented for filing, by Sheriff Grubbs. (Exhibit #6)

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Gist 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 #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 December 2011 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Traweck and a second by Commissioner Gist. 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 Traweck moved that the moved that the Court recess until January 23, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

