

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on August 13, 2012 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:

E. RAY WEST III	COUNTY JUDGE
BOB CLARK	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
JOSIE CONTRERAS	ASSISTANT COUNTY AUDITOR
AMY HAMRICK	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

A. Opening prayer. Commissioner Gist led the Court in the invocation.

B. Reading and approval of minutes. Commissioner Clark moved that the minutes of the August 6, 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: Joel Kelton, Precinct #2-Consideration and approval of burn ban. No action. The Court implemented a burn ban at the August 6, 2012 meeting.

Item #2: Ray West-Consideration and possible approval to appoint Board of Trustee members for The Center for Life Resources Center (Shane Britton and David Alan Smith, M.D.). Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve the appointment of David Alan Smith, MD to the Board of Trustees of The Center for Life Resources Center (MHMR). Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #1)

Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the appointment of Shane Britton to the Board of Trustees of The Center for Life Resources Center (MHMR). Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #2)

Item #3: Bob Clark, Precinct #1-Consideration and possible approval of replacement employee. Commissioner Clark moved that the Court approve the following personnel changes in Precinct #1:

Simon Armendarez/road hand/employed

effective 08-15-2012 (amended to 08-16-2012)

Tim Sims/road hand/discontinued

effective 07-30-2012 (Exhibit #3)

Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. Commissioner Clark later informed the Court that the start date for Simon Armendarez will be 08-16-2012 instead of 08-15-2012. All four Commissioners initialed the change.

Item #4: Bob Clark, Precinct #1-Consideration and possible approval for road hand salary changes. Commissioner Clark moved that the Court approve the following personnel salary changes for road hands in Precinct #1:

**Rex Pennington/road hand/salary change
effective 08-01-2012 (Exhibit #4)**

**Toby Madsen/road hand/salary change
effective 08-01-2012 (Exhibit #5)**

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

Item #5: Bob Clark, Precinct #1-Consideration and possible approval of replacement foreman and salary change. Commissioner Clark moved that the Court approve the following personnel changes in Precinct #1:

**Jimmy Robbins/promoted to Foreman/with salary change
effective 08-01-2012**

**Rick Dowdy/Foreman/discontinued
effective 07-31-2012 (Exhibit #6)**

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

Item #6: Joel Kelton, Precinct #2-Application to install private line, CR #105. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve an application, made by Brookesmith SUD, to install a buried line within the right-of-way of County Road #105, in Precinct #2, be approved; subject to Brown County specifications for boring a road. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #7)

Item #7: Larry Traweek, Precinct #4-Application to install private line, CR #215. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve an application, made by Jerry L. Fisher, to install a buried line with in the right-of-way of County Road #215, in Precinct #4, be approved; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #8)

Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court recess until 1:30 P.M. this date to consider Item #8: Budget Hearings. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #8: Budget Hearings (1:30 P.M.) The Court re-convened at 1:40 P.M. for Budget Hearings. Judge Pro-Tem Gist called the meeting to order. Members of the Court present were:

Judge E. Ray West, III

Commissioner Precinct #1, Bob Clark

Commissioner Precinct #2, Joel Kelton

Commissioner Precinct #3, Richard Gist

Commissioner Precinct #4, Larry Traweek

County Clerk Sharon Ferguson

Assistant County Auditor Josie Contreras

Administrative Assistant Amy Hamrick

Those present to make Budget Requests were:

Center For Life Resources-Dion White

Brown County Transport-Dion White

Extension Office-Scott Anderson, Kim Miles, and

Nick Gonzales

District Attorney-Micheal Murray

May Senior Citizens-Lavay Chambers and

Vella Rae Palette

Elections Administration-Suzy Young and

Larry Franks

Early Volunteer Fire Department-Travis Eoff

After discussion, no action was taken. Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court recess until August 14, 2012 at 1:30 P.M. to continue Budget Hearings.

BUDGET HEARINGS – AUGUST 14, 2012

Judge Pro-Tem Gist called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

Members of the Court present were:

Commissioner Precinct #1, Bob Clark

Commissioner Precinct #2, Joel Kelton

Commissioner Precinct #3, Richard Gist

Commissioner Precinct #4, Larry Traweek

County Clerk Sharon Ferguson

County Auditor Nina Cox

Administrative Assistant Amy Hamrick

Those present to make budget requests were:

District Clerk Jan Brown

Tax Assessor Collector Cheryl Nelson

Sheriff's Department-Bobby Grubbs and Bobby Duvall

After discussion, no action was taken.

E. Reports. The August 13, 2012 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #9)

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Kelton moved that the claims, as presented by Assistant County Auditor Josie Contreras, be paid. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #10)

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 July, 2012 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Gist and a second by Commissioner Clark. 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 #11)

H. Recess. Commissioner Clark moved that the Court recess until August 20, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

