

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BROWN**

**The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on August 20, 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:**

<b>E. RAY WEST III</b>	<b>COUNTY JUDGE</b>
<b>BOB CLARK</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>JOSIE CONTRERAS</b>	<b>ASSISTANT 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 Clark moved that the minutes of the August 13, 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 possible approval of burn ban issues. Discussion, no action. The burn ban remains in effect.**

**Item #2: Keith Allen-Consideration and possible approval for inspection and repair of fire alarm system at juvenile detention center. After discussion, with Keith Allen, Brown County Maintenance Supervisor, Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court authorize Carroll Fire & Safety to inspect and repair the fire alarm system at the Brown County Juvenile Detention Center. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**Item #3: Frank Griffin-Consideration and possible approval of DWI Court Resolution for fiscal year 2013. No action, passed.**

**Item #4: Amy Hamrick-Consideration and possible approval of Indigent Care Affiliation between Brown County and Brownwood Regional Medical Center. After discussion, with Claude "Chip" Camp, CEO at Brownwood Hospital, LP d/b/a Brownwood Regional Medical Center, and Jack Montois, Chief Financial Officer at Brownwood Hospital, LP d/b/a Brownwood Regional Medical Center, Judge West moved that the Court authorize him to execute an Indigent Care Affiliation Agreement between Brown County and Brownwood Hospital, LP d/b/a Brownwood Regional Medical Center, for Fiscal Year 2012/2013. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #1)**

**Item #5: Ray West-Consideration and possible approval of procedure and limitations concerning the preapproval of expenditures by commissioners for Precinct 1 and Precinct 3 Brown County, Texas. Judge West moved that the Court establish a protocol for the Commissioner's Court to oversee the expenditures of outgoing Commissioners for Precinct #1 and Precinct #3, after the votes are canvassed for the Primary Election. The Commissioners Court must approve, before the obligation is incurred, any new or used equipment purchases, any new paving or road construction projects, any equipment repairs that exceed \$5,000.00, any fuel purchases that exceed \$5,000.00 and the hiring of any new employee, other than a replacement employee, effective as of the date of the canvassing of the Primary Election votes. Judge West also moved that the Court pre-approve, at this time, any routine and necessary expenditure, up to \$2,500.00, but not to exceed \$2,500.00, for Precinct #1 and for Precinct #3, only. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. Commissioner Clark and Commissioner Gist abstained. Commissioner Clark, Precinct #1 and Commissioner Gist, Precinct #3, have both confirmed that they have not exceeded these guidelines since the canvassing of the Primary Election votes.**

**Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve a request from Commissioner Precinct #1 to purchase coal mix for \$5,000.00 and to approve a request from Commissioner Precinct #3 to pave an additional one (1) mile of road, for \$30,000.00. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**Item #6: Ray West-Consideration and possible approval of conveyance to City of Brownwood of a part of Lot 9, Block K, Tannehill's Addition, Brownwood, Brown County, Texas. Judge West moved that Brown County relinquish, to the City of Brownwood, the County's interest in property described as part of Lot 9, Block K, Tannehill's Addition, Brownwood, Brown County, Texas.**

**Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #2))**

**Item #7: Richard Gist, Precinct #3-Consideration and possible approval of permission from Brown County for placement by County residents of marker designating historic significance of iron bridge on CR 306, Zephyr, Texas. After discussion, with Myrna Wright, Zephyr Community Historical Association, Charles Smith, a Zephyr land owner, and Peter James, a Zephyr land owner, Commissioner Gist moved that the Court approve the placement of a marker, either on the bridge or near the bridge, designating the historic significance of the Blanket Creek Bridge, located on County Road #306 in Zephyr, Texas. This will be done at the expense of the Zephyr Community Historical Association. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**Item #8: Ray West-Consideration and possible approval of hiring of replacement custodial employee. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court approve the following personnel changes for the Brown County custodian:**

**John Krischke/custodian/employed  
effective 08-16-2012**

**Simon Armendarez/custodian/discontinued  
effective 08-15-2012 (Exhibit #3)**

**Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.**

**Item #9: Suzy Young-Consideration and possible approval of Order of General Election. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court approve the November 6, 2012 Order Of General Election. Judge West seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #4)**

**Commissioner Clark moved that the Court recess until 1:30 P.M., this date, to consider Item #10: Budget Hearings. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

**Item #10: Budget Hearings. Judge Pro-Tem Gist called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. 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**

**County Auditor Nina Cox**

**Administrative Assistant Amy Hamrick**

**After discussion, no action was taken.**

**E. Reports. The August 20, 2012 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #5)**

**F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Traweek moved that the claims, as presented by Assistant County Auditor Josie Contreras, be paid. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #6)**

**G. Recess. Commissioner Clark moved that the Court recess until August 24, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.**

