

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on September 17, 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
CAROL HOLAMON	CHIEF DEPUTY 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 Clark moved that the minutes of the September 10, 2012 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: Joel Kelton, Precinct #2-Consideration and possible approval of burn ban. Discussion, no action. The burn ban remains lifted.

Item #2: Richard Gist, Precinct #3 and Bob Clark, Precinct #1-Consideration and possible approval of expenditure requests. Discussion, no action.

Item #3: Cheryl Nelson-Consideration and possible approval to increase part time employee hours. After discussion, with Tax Assessor-Collector Cheryl Nelson, Commissioner Gist moved that the Court authorize Angie Bindle, a current Tax Assessor-Collector part-time employee, to work 32 hours per week, instead of 30 hours per week, in the Tax Assessor-Collector's Office. This will make her eligible for County benefits. The motion died for lack of a second.

Item #4: Bob Beadel, Constable, Precinct #1-Consideration and possible approval sheriff's and constable's fees. Judge West moved that the Court approve the proposed Brown County 2013 Sheriffs' and Constables' Fees, as presented by Constable Precinct #1 Bob Beadel, with the inclusion of the words Eviction Citation/Forcible Detainer, as designated, and remove the reference to the Law Enforcement Center Fees, Door Key Cards or Replacements, and Departmental I.D. Cards. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve. (Exhibit #1)

Item #5: Richard Gist, Precinct #3-Application to install lines, CR 336, CR 344, CR 340, CR 372 and Old May Road. Commissioner Clark moved that the Court approve an application, made by Zephyr Water Supply, to install a buried water line within the right-of-way of County Road #336, in Precinct #3; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. Commissioner Gist abstained. (Exhibit #2)

Commissioner Clark moved that the Court approve an application, made by Zephyr Water Supply, to install a buried water line within the right-of-way of County Road #344, in Precinct #3; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. Commissioner Gist abstained. (Exhibit #3)

Commissioner Clark moved that the Court approve an application, made by Zephyr Water Supply, to install a buried water line within the right-of-way of County Road #340, in Precinct #3; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. Commissioner Gist abstained. (Exhibit #4)

Commissioner Clark moved that the Court approve an application, made by Zephyr Water Supply, to install a buried water line within the right-of-way of County Road #372, in Precinct #3; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road.

Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. Commissioner Gist abstained. (Exhibit #5)

Commissioner Traweek moved that the Court approve an application, made by Zephyr Water Supply, to install a buried water line within the right-of-way of County Road #381 (Old May Road), in Precinct #3; subject to Brown County specifications for cutting a road. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. Commissioner Gist abstained. (Exhibit #6)

Item #6: Jim Cavanaugh, JP Precinct #4-Consideration and possible approval of purchase of iPads for JP judges out of tech fund. Commissioner Clark moved that the Court authorize the four Brown County Justice of the Peace to purchase 4 (four) iPad electronic devices (one for each court), from AT&T. The total cost will be \$4,311.96, which will be paid from the Justice of the Peace Technology Fund, as will any wireless monthly expenses, upkeep, and maintenance. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #7)

Item #7: Sheriff's Office-Employee changes. Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize the following personnel changes at the Sheriff's Department:

James Sliger/Jailer/employed

effective 09-19-2012

Andre Smoot/Jailer/discontinued

effective 08-07-2012 (Exhibit #8)

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

Item #8: Suzy Young-Consideration and possible approval of changing status of employee to independent contractor through the school election. No action.

Item #9: Joel Kelton, Precinct #2-Consideration and possible approval of purchase of paging repeater for north portion of Brown County. Two proposals, for a paging repeater system, were presented by Commissioner Kelton and reviewed by the Court. One proposal was from Texas Communications and one from LAN Communications. After discussion, with Jeff Phillips, from May Volunteer Fire Department, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize the purchase of a Fire Department Paging Repeater System, from Texas Communications (the lower proposal) to help fire dispatch/paging for the north side of Brown County. The purchase price will be \$4,257.03 and will be paid from the General Fund/Equipment. Commissioner Traweck seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibits #9 and #10).

Item #10: Public hearing to consider proposal to increase Total Tax Revenues and Ad Valorem Tax Rate for FY 2012-2013. Judge West asked for comments from the audience. The Court heard comments from Joe Cooksey, Jim Cavanaugh, Justice of the Peace #4, and Bob Steger.

E. Reports. The September 17, 2012 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #11)

The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented for filing, by the Sheriff's Department. (Exhibit #12)

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Traweek 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 #13)

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

