

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Special Session on September 28, 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
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 Gist moved that the minutes of the September 20, 2012 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. Commissioner Traweek abstained.

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. Commissioner Gist moved that the Court approve an expenditure request of \$120,000.00, for road and asphalt work, at various locations in Precinct #3. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #3: Public hearing on FY 2013 Budget. Judge West asked for public comments from the audience. There were none. There were four members of the public present for the public hearing.

Item #4: Adopt Budget. Commissioner Gist moved that the Brown County Budget, for fiscal year 2012/2013, be adopted. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-1 to approve as follows:

Judge E. Ray West-aye

Commissioner Clark-aye

Commissioner Kelton-nay

Commissioner Gist-aye

Commissioner Traweek-aye

(Exhibit #1)

Item #5: Adopt Tax Rate. Commissioner Clark moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a Total Tax Rate of .5350, which is effectively a 4.92 percent increase in the tax rate and to adopt a Resolution to approve the tax rates. This rate will effectively raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's rate by 4.92%. The tax rate will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000.00 home by approximately \$18.10. Commissioner Traweek seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-1 to approve as follows:

Judge E. Ray West-aye

Commissioner Clark-aye

Commissioner Kelton-nay

Commissioner Gist-aye

Commissioner Traweek-aye

The Court adopted a Resolution to approve the tax rates for Fiscal Year 2012/2013 as follows:

General Fund Rate	.4239 per \$100.00 valuation
Debt Service Rate	.0347 per \$100.00 valuation
Road and Flood Rate	.0764 per \$100.00 valuation
Total Tax Rate	.5350 per \$100.00 valuation

(Exhibit #2)

Item #6: Set compensation of elected officials. Judge West moved that the Court set compensation for all Brown County elected officials to be an amount equal to the compensation paid to elected officials Fiscal Year 2011/2012, with the exception of the Brown County District Judge, whose increase in the District Judge's Salary Supplement, paid by Brown County, will be \$3,711.00. The new elected Constable Precinct #3 will be paid at a rate lower than the outgoing Constable Precinct #3. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and the Court voted 5-0 to approve.

E. Reports. Commissioner Gist commended Amy Hamrick, Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners, for her work on the completed FEMA project.

F. Consideration and approval of bills. No action.

G. Recess. Commissioner Clark moved that the Court recess until October 1, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

