

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BROWN**

The Brown County Commissioners Court convened in a Regular Session on December 10, 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

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 Clark moved that the minutes of the December 3, 2012 meeting be approved, as presented by County Clerk Sharon Ferguson. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 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. After discussion, no action was taken. The burn ban remains in effect.

Item #2: Richard Gist, Precinct #3 and Bob Clark, Precinct #1-Consideration and possible approval of expenditure requests. After discussion, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize a request by Richard Gist, Commissioner Precinct #3, for the expenditure of up to \$2,000.00 for metal roof work, \$1,800.00 for the construction of a cat walk on an elevated fuel tank, and \$2,500.00 for labor. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. Commissioner Gist abstained.

Item #3: Suzy Young-Consideration and possible approval of part-time seasonal help. After discussion, with Elections Administrator Suzy Young, Commissioner Kelton moved that the Court authorize the continued employment, of election worker Elizabeth Davidson, through December 14, 2012 at \$9.00 per hour. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. During the discussion, regarding employee continuation, Judge West re-iterated that the County pays \$9.00 per hour for election work. The school district, having approved a contract to pay elections workers \$10.00 per hour, will pay the additional dollar directly to the designated election workers. (Exhibit #1)

Item #4: Ray West-Consideration and possible approval of replacement employees and salaries. Judge West moved that the Court approve the employment of Micah Ripley and Carl Greer as Maintenance/Custodial for Brown County. They will share equal duties.

**Micah Ripley/Maintenance/Custodial/employed
effective 11-26-2012 (annual salary \$22,000.00)**

**Brian Keith Allen/Maintenance/Custodial/discontinued
effective 11-21-2012 (Exhibit #2)**

**Carl Greer/Maintenance/Custodial/employed
effective 12-04-2012 (annual salary \$22,000.00)**

**John D. Krischke/Maintenance/Custodial/discontinued
effective 11-21-2012 (Exhibit #3)**

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

Item #5: Ray West-Consideration and possible approval of fireworks ban. The Court discussed and determined that conditions on certain uncultivated acreage in the county are extremely hazardous for the danger of fire because of high grass or dry vegetation.

Commissioner Clark moved that the Court adopt an Order Prohibiting Certain Fireworks in Specified Areas of Brown County:

All unincorporated rural acreage not under cultivation.

Restricted fireworks shall be only those items classified under the Texas Occupations Code as “skyrockets with sticks” or “missiles with fins” in the specified areas of Brown County. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve. (Exhibit #4)

Judge West moved that the Order expires on January 7, 2013. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #6: Sheriff’s Office-Employee changes. Commissioner Clark moved that the Court approve the following personnel changes at the Sheriff’s Department:

**Jon Paul Collins/Jailer/employed
effective 12-10-2012**

**James Sliger/Jailer/discontinued
effective 11-05-2012 (Exhibit #5)**

Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.

Item #7: Ann Krpoun-Consideration and possible approval of annual TCDRS plan. After discussion, with County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, Commissioner Clark moved that the Court authorize Judge West to sign an authorization concerning the participation of Brown County in the Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS) for the 2013 plan year. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve. (Exhibit #6)

Item #8: Ann Krpoun-Consideration and possible approval of copier lease. No action.

Item #9: Ray West-Consideration and possible approval of the reappointment of David Olhausen to Cen-Tex Rural Rail Transportation District. Judge West moved that David Olhausen be re-appointed to serve a two year term as the Brown County Director of the Cen-Tex Rural Rail Transportation District for 2013/2014. Commissioner Gist seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Item #10: Ray West-Presentation of Extension Program Interpretation (recess and reconvene at the Extension Offices at 605 Fisk Avenue, Brownwood, Texas.

Judge West moved that the Court recess to the Brown County Extension Office at 605 Fisk Avenue, Brownwood, Texas to consider Item #10. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion and the Court voted 4-0 to approve.

Judge West called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M., at the Extension Office. Discussion followed with Scott Anderson, County Extension Agent-AG, Nick Gonzales, CEA-Youth and Development, Kim Miles, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Science, and Misty Petty, Officer Manager, as they presented their 2012 Activity Report. The Court commended them on their good work. No action was taken. (Exhibit #7)

E. Reports. The December 10, 2012 Combined Statement of Cash Position was presented by County Treasurer Ann Krpoun, for filing. (Exhibit #8)

The Texas Commission On Jail Standards Jail Population Report was presented by the Sheriff's Department, for filing. (Exhibit #9)

Sharon Ferguson, Brown County Clerk, reported that her office has received a Five Star Vital Registration 2012 Award, from the Texas Department of State Health Services, for excellence in vital registration.

F. Consideration and approval of bills. Commissioner Kelton moved that the claims, as presented by County Auditor Nina Cox, be paid. Commissioner Clark 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 November, 2012 was approved after a motion by Commissioner Gist and a second by Commissioner Kelton. 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 #11)

H. Recess. Commissioner Clark moved that the Court recess until December 17, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners Courtroom. Commissioner Kelton seconded the motion and the Court voted 3-0 to approve.

