

April 14, 2008

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Steve Roberts, Warren Ploeger and Glen Leitch. Also present were County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn. Steve Roberts opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

PAYROLL

The April 9, 2008 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$44,731.65
Road & Bridge	11,720.00
Election	1,245.12
Appraiser	3,884.00
Noxious Weed	1,114.49
JCAB	5,254.22
Diversion	440.00
JJ Prevention	1,140.68
ACC	5,337.53
CC123	1,298.28
Services for Elderly	2,884.96
Solid Waste	2,591.15
Court Trustee	8,087.88
Special MVT	984.00
Employee Ben FICA	4,997.03
Employee Ben KPERS	3,741.30
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-260.18
Insurance	-2,800.67
TOTAL	\$96,391.44

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 10-minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, County Clerk Debbie Parker, and Road Crewman Grant Dietrich present. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Closed 8:00 a.m. Opened 8:10 a.m. No binding action was taken.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant presented a new inmate handbook for review by the Commissioners, which will include a no-smoking policy for the inmates only. Merchant reported a leaking water pipe which required extensive repairs. Merchant will implement an emergency services program by Dustin Williams to certify officers in emergency procedures.

ROAD FOREMEN

Road Foremen Mel Werner and Herb Roland discussed road projects and upcoming bids on tubes and bands.

DAN ROWE

Treanor Architects Representative Dan Rowe, County Attorney Kevin Hill, Sheriff John Merchant and Public Building Commission Director Steve Davies discussed building options for a new jail. A new 50 bed jail building would require six city lots. Hill discussed revisions to the proposed contract between the County and Treanor Architects.

KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY/DAVE NACHTIGAL

A letter was received from the Kansas State Historical Society stating they had received the letter from Brown County in regards to replacing the Brown County Courthouse windows. The Society stated that their role in this matter is closed.

Hiawatha City resident Dave Nachtigal stated his opinion on how the new Courthouse windows could affect the status of future grants.

BG CONSULTANTS

Tom Bennett, BG Consultants, presented the Brown County bridge inspection report. All 219 Brown County bridges were inspected.

RDA

Nancy Gafford, Rural Development Association Director, invited the Commissioners to an Economic Development 101 Class. Classes will be held at Nemaha County on April 23 at Valentino's and at Brown County on April 24 at the Fisher Center.

BURIED CABLE PERMIT

Buried cable permit #08-12 for Embarq was approved and signed.

TAX CHANGE ORDER

Tax change order #07-106 was approved and signed.

MINUTES

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the April 7, 2008 minutes. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

JIM HILL'S GLASS

Ron Hill, of Jim Hill's Glass, reported that installation of the Courthouse windows will start today on the first floor.

COURTROOM

The Commissioners toured the third floor Courtroom, which is in need of small repairs such as plastering and paint touchups.

Motion by Glen Leitch to adjourn. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday April 21, 2008.