

**October 27, 2003**

**OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK**

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

**SHERIFF**

Lamar Shoemaker, Sheriff, reported the purchases of a CD writer and a stainless steel toilet/sink for one of the jail cells. Shoemaker will be attending the Topeka Sheriff's Conference Tuesday through Friday of this week.

**APPRAISER**

Tom Brown, Appraiser, presented for signatures the letter regarding non-profit tax-exempt properties. Brown also presented a list of missing road signs through out the County, compiled by data-collector Lorie Huyett.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the October 20, 2003 minutes. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

**RESCIND MOTION**

Motion by Warren Ploeger to rescind the motion of October 6, 2003 regarding the Gruber/Hoffman tax error. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. A new motion, to correct the rescinded motion, was made during the meeting on October 13, 2003.

**SUNFLOWER ROAD**

Glen Leitch reported on a taxpayer's concerns regarding the paving of Sunflower Road between K-20 Highway and 73 Highway. Leitch stated that  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles of this road would be paved during the 2004 oiling season, with the rest being paved during 2005. This will then be a continuous paved road between Robinson and Atchison.

**AMBULANCE CONTRACT**

Jim and Lana Reigle, Town & Country Ambulance, were present to sign a five-year ambulance contract. The contract, which runs through December 31, 2008, is between Brown County, Hiawatha City and Town & Country Ambulance.

The Reigles requested that the Courthouse be open on Sunday November 16, between 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for the Jingle Bell Ride, which collects toys for NEK-CAP. The request was granted.

**FENCE-VIEWING**

Warren Ploeger will speak with both parties regarding a possible fence-viewing near Morrill.

**KANZA BID OPENING**

Bill Persinger, Director, was present for the Elks Financing bid opening. The three bids received were as follows: Morrill & Janes Bank at 4.85%; Hiawatha National Bank at 4.553%; and Silver Lake Bank at 4.92%. The terms of the bids will be reviewed and a decision made at the October 31, 2003 Commissioner's meeting.

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**

Nancy Prawl, Register of Deeds, reported on the increased public computer activity in the Register of Deeds Office due to Oil and Gas inquiries. Prawl will shut down the public computers at 4:45 p.m. each business day, in order to balance out at the end of each business day.

**KAC PLATFORM**

Elected Officials Nancy Prawl, Cheryl Lippold, Debbie Parker and the Commissioners and Department Head Tom Brown discussed various KAC platforms for the upcoming KAC meeting to be held in November in Kansas City, Kansas.

**COMPUTER**

Sandra Carter, Deputy Register of Deeds, discussed the bid-letting of the ITTS contract, which provides service, support and programs for the County's computer system. Carter will gather more information on the contract for the October 31, 2003 Commissioner's meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Roberts. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m. The next meeting will be held Friday October 31, 2003.