

December 8, 2003

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

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The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Glen Leitch, Steve Roberts and Warren Ploeger. Also present were County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn. County Attorney Kevin Hill was present for a portion of the meeting.

Glen Leitch opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

DISTRICT COURT

Lela Smith, Clerk of District Court, discussed the possible purchase of two new workstations from her remaining 2003 budget. The Commissioners will view the current office furniture and will then make a decision on the request.

SHERIFF

Lamar Shoemaker, Sheriff, reported on search warrants, the Land in Trust meeting and missing 9-1-1 addressing signs. Also discussed was a recent car chase on Highway 36, involving a stolen car from Falls City, Nebraska.

KANZA

Bill Persinger, KANZA, and Jim Achten, Hiawatha National Bank, were present to discuss the final details in the purchase of the Elks Building.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve Resolution #03-13, which authorizes Brown County, Kansas to enter into a lease purchase transaction, the proceeds of which will be used to pay the costs of acquiring, renovating and equipping of the former Elks Lodge Building located in the City of Hiawatha, Kansas for use as a mental health facility operated by the KANZA Mental Health and Guidance Center, Inc, and to approve the execution of certain documents in connection therewith. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to authorize the Hiawatha National Bank to issue a check for the actual purchase of the Elks Building. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

RDA

Nancy Gafford, RDA Director, and the RDA Board presented the 2003 Strategic Plan. Ronald Smith, Department of Commerce Community Development Division Attorney, requested that Brown County apply for the micro-loan program.

Motion by Steve Roberts to apply for the micro-loan program. Commissioner Ploeger stated that he would like County Attorney Kevin Hill to look into the program before Brown County makes a decision. The motion died for lack of a second. The decision on the program will be made at the December 15 meeting.

CUSTODIAN

Buzz Siebenmorgan, Custodian, discussed a billing from IHP for boiler work. After discussion and numerous phone calls, it was decided to pay the IHP bill.

MINUTES

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the December 1, 2003 minutes. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

TAX ORDERS

Tax orders #03-24, #03-26, #03-28 through #03-33 were approved and signed.

TRANSFER STATION FEES

Motion by Warren Ploeger to raise the transfer station's fees as follows: In County fees raised from \$30 to \$32 a ton; Out of County fees raised from \$34 to \$36 a ton; C&D fees raised from \$15 to \$16 a ton; and the minimum \$6 a ton load rate will remain the same except the load weight will drop from 400 pounds to 300 pounds. The new rates will be effective January 1, 2004. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

IOWA TRIBE CEREAL MALT LIQUOR LICENSE

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the Iowa Tribe Cereal Malt Liquor License application and send the recommendation to Irving Township for final approval. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

DECEMBER MONTH END

The Commissioners will meet on Tuesday, December 30 for the end of the month meeting. There will be no meetings held on Monday, December 29 or Wednesday, December 31.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held Monday, December 15, 2003.