

March 20, 2017

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Steve Roberts, Dwight Kruse, and Keith Olsen. Also present was Deputy County Clerk Dawn Boyles. County Attorney Kevin Hill was present for a portion of the meeting. Steve Roberts opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

PAYROLL

The March 15, 2017 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$61,640.82
Road & Bridge	12,060.00
Election	245.77
Technology	716.76
Appraiser	6,940.00
Noxious Weed	1,417.69
Diversion	.00
ACC	9,020.04
JJA Core	9,775.92
ACE Fund	147.91
Services for Elderly	2,478.13
Solid Waste	2,435.89
Special MVT	2,705.13
Employee Ben FICA	6,714.68
Employee Ben KPERS	7,281.02
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-116.73
Insurance	-7,792.70
TOTAL	\$115,670.33

SHERIFF

John Merchant, Brown County Sheriff, reported there are 23 inmates, 19 males and 4 females, currently at the Brown County Jail. Merchant reported on recent fires and burn permits. Sheriff Merchant also requested the Commission’s approval to sell one of the old patrol cars to the Kickapoo Police Department for \$1,250. Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the sale of the patrol car to the Kickapoo Tribal Police. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the March 13, 2017 minutes. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

TAX CHANGE ORDERS

Tax change orders 2016-85 and 2016-86 were signed and approved.

VAN KEPPEL

Motion by Keith Olsen to purchase an Etnyre chip spreader from Van Keppel with a purchase price of \$186,000 and an additional two year extended warranty for \$3,000. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

JIM HILL'S GLASS REPAIR

Ron Hill, Jim Hill's Glass Repair, reported on the courthouse windows as we approach the expiration of the warranty. There are currently 48 windows that have failed. The warranty only covers the windows themselves. There will be an additional \$3,400 cost to the county to install the replacement windows. Ron discussed starting as soon as April if weather permits.

RECESS

Motion by Keith Olsen for a 15 minute recess. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried. Recessed at 8:50 AM. Commissioner Roberts reopened the meeting at 8:59 AM.

NEK ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Martha Smith, Logan Bausch, and Dennis Foster, NEK Environmental Services, discussed various projects NEK Environmental Services is involved with. Dennis Foster suggests the Commission reevaluate the 17 year old codes currently in place in Brown County. Dennis Foster will reevaluate and send the Commission his suggestions.

KICKAPOO TRIBE

Lester Randall, Kickapoo Tribal Chairman, requesting a letter of support to the local congressional leaders to take the next step in regards to the water right settlement agreement for the Kickapoo Tribe and State of Kansas. Chairman Randall indicated that the water rights are a separate issue from the Plum Creek Water Project. Rodney and Linda Lierz, Brown County land owners, were also present. Motion by Keith Olsen to table this discussion until next week to allow him to contact State personnel regarding water right issues to see if they could attend the next commission meeting. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday March 27, 2017.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

MELISSA GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

STEVE ROBERTS, CHAIRMAN

DWIGHT A. KRUSE, MEMBER

KEITH OLSEN, MEMBER