

December 30, 2016
The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Warren Ploeger, Keith Olsen, and Steve Roberts. Also present were County Clerk Melissa Gormley and Deputy County Clerk Dawn Boyles. County Attorney Kevin Hill was present for a portion of the meeting. Warren Ploeger opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

The December 30, 2016 month-end claims were approved as follows:

001 General	\$129,640.84
103 Road & Bridge	155,316.85
123 Historical Society	3,333.33
125 Employee Benefit	54,906.92
127 Election	54.40
133 Mental Retardation	2,253.93
135 Capital Improvement Fund	39,949.40
145 Ambulance	9,583.33
147 Noxious Weed	16,992.05
153 Special Parks & Recreation	6,900.00
155 Diversion	625.96
160 911 SB50	3,044.52
165 ACC	1,322.83
166 CC123	50.00
167 JJCR	5,067.60
201 Services for Elderly	3,415.49
211 Solid Waste	68,470.02
909 Payroll	390.26
TOTAL	\$501,317.73

APPRAISER

Jeff Ball, County Appraiser, met with the Commissioners in regards to the \$7,982.69 overage on his budget for 2016. Motion by Warren Ploeger to pay the overage out of the Commissioners budget. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the December 27, 2016 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

It was approved to pay the 2017 membership dues in the amount of \$3,292.37 to the Kansas Association of Counties. The dues are based upon the population and valuation of each county, with a base membership fee of \$500.00. Motion by Keith Olsen. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

BROWN COUNTY EMPLOYEE RAISE

Motion by Steve Roberts for a raise for a cost of living increase for Brown County Employees except for the Commissioners. Full time employees will get 50¢ an hour raise and part time and seasonal employees will get a 25¢ an hour raise. This will be effective the first payroll in January. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

STREAMBANK CONTRACT

Kevin Hill, County Attorney, reviewed the contract with Aller's LLC. Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the contract. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

KWORCC

Melissa Gormley, County Clerk, presented to the Commissioners the 2016 KWORCC dues invoice for \$36,203. Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the payment of the invoice. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING 250TH & KINGFISHER RR CROSSING

The Public Hearing for the Railroad Crossing Closing located at 250th and Kingfisher was held with Sherriff John Merchant Sr., Deputy Robbie Parker, District 1 Road Foreman, Herb Roland, District 3 Road Formean, Todd Gruber, Brown County residents Dean Tollefson, Ken Pyle, Kelvin Pyle, Jack Shaefer, John Merchant Jr., Steve Wilson, Dave Wilson, Bill Pollock, Jim Ward, Larry Weast, and Dave Pfister in attendance. Those speaking in opposition were Jack Shaefer, Dean Tollefson, Dave Wilson, Dave Pfister, and Ken Pyle. Larry Weast spoke on behalf of the Post Office’s opposition. Warren Ploeger mentioned he received a phone call on behalf of Steve Spare, Scott Spare and Bruce Kleppe who are all in opposition. Keith Olsen received a letter from Janet Jeffries in opposition. Warren Ploeger opened the floor for a motion to close the road. Died due to lack of motion.

TOWN & COUNTRY EMS

Duke Koerperich, Town & Country EMS, visited with the Commissioners in regards to the purchase of a new 2017 Ford Transit ambulance. Motion by Warren Ploeger to work with Duke on the purchase of a new ambulance. Second by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Steve Roberts. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday January 3, 2017.

ATTEST:

MELISSA L GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED BY:

WARREN PLOEGER, CHAIRMAN

STEVE ROBERTS, MEMBER

KEITH OLSEN, MEMBER