

August 22, 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 was County Clerk, Melissa Gormley. County Attorney, Kevin Hill, was present for a portion of the meeting. Warren Ploeger opened the meeting at 8 a.m.

SHERIFF

John Merchant, Brown County Sheriff, reported there are 16 inmates, 13 males and 3 females, currently at the Brown County Jail. Merchant updated the commission on current happenings at the jail. He also spoke with the commissioners about the purchase of a dog. The black lab will serve as a drug dog and a therapy/comfort dog. The dog will cost \$5500.00.

SHERIFF

Deputy Brandon Lowe gave notice to the County Commissioners that he was taking a new position at the Hiawatha Police Department. He stated his reason for leaving the county after five years is that the insurance with the county is too expensive for the family plan and the City of Hiawatha can provided better benefits for his family. Lowe stated that he has enjoyed his time with the county and he hopes the commissioners can find a way to improve the cost of insurance. The employee share of health insurance is \$13,791.48 per year.

PAYROLL

The August 17, 2016 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$62,864.70
Road & Bridge	16,293.72
Election	225.77
Technology	373.75
Appraiser	6,740.01
Noxious Weed	1,843.76
Diversion	.00
ACC	8,464.88
JJA Core	8,922.16
ACE Fund	193.44
Services for Elderly	2,376.50
Solid Waste	2,470.48
Special MVT	5,146.70
Employee Ben FICA	7,252.69
Employee Ben KPERS	8,195.90
State Unempl/Work Comp	-122.73
Insurance	-7,918.830
TOTAL	\$123,322.900

SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

Services for the Elderly Director, Lori Gray, spoke with the commissioners about Brown County Resident Bill Wilhelm. Mr. Wilhelm issued an apology and requested to ride the taxi again. The three commissioners agreed that no, he could not.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Connie Zeit, Brown County Health Department RN Supervisor, introduced herself to the commission. Zeit requested to continue to serve on the NEKS Environmental Services Board. County Clerk Melissa Gormley will prepare the letter for signatures for the next meeting.

MINUTES

Motion by Warren Ploeger to make changes to the August 15, 2016 minutes. The changes include the second motion by Commissioner Roberts to approve HFED and Commissioner Ploeger abstaining from the vote.
Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the August 15, 2016 minutes with the changes being made. Seconded by Keith Olsen.
Motion carried.

FINANCIAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

County Attorney Kevin Hill, met with Board of Commissioners concerning the Financial Service Agreement from Piper Jaffrey. Hill stated that the signatures need to be the commissioners. Ploeger stated his disappointment in having the funds to pay off the bond and interest but due to the state working quarterly the sales tax will continue through the end of the year. Hill told the commissioners they could contact another financial advisor. The money that is collected during the last quarter will be used for the jail.

PIPER JAFFRAY

Commissioner Ploeger spoke with Dustin Avey with Piper Jaffrey via telephone conference.
Motion by Warren Ploeger to sign the Financial Service Agreement to assist with the Defeasance of Series 2009 Public Building Commission Revenue Bonds. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Ron Jurgensmeier, Jurgensmeier Financial, and Randy Dick, Kaw Valley Insurance, spoke with the commissioners about employee benefits.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

A bill from Husker Steel was presented for signatures. The amount of the bill was \$244, 971.00.

HIAWATHA ACES

A bill from Hiawatha ACES was presented for signatures. The amount of the bill was for \$2,360.46.

JERRY HENRY

State Representative Jerry Henry, was present at the commission meeting. Henry discussed his various political views.

Motion by Keith Olsen to adjourn. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m. The next meeting will be held Wednesday August 31, 2016 to approve month end bills.

ATTEST:

MELISSA GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED BY:

WARREN PLOEGER, CHAIRMAN

KEITH OLSEN, MEMBER

STEVE ROBERTS, MEMBER