

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Warren Ploeger, Steve Roberts, and Keith Olsen. Also present was 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.

Sheriff Merchant reported that there are 17 inmates, 4 males and 13 females in the County Jail.

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 15 minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the Brown County Sheriff, John Merhcant, Under Sheriff, Randy Linck, Richard Lehmkuhl, County Attorney, Kevin Hill, County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, and the three Commissioners present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 8:02 a.m. Opened 8:17 a.m. No binding action taken.

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the October 17, 2016 minutes. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

Melissa Gormley, Brown County Clerk, presented a letter to the Commissioners for their signatures. Brown County is requesting consideration for the Ruth and Roger Wolfe Charitable Trust funds to use in replacing the benches located on the north side of courthouse square. Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the letter. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

Deidra Leander, Hiawatha Chamber of Commerce Director, requested use of the east side of the Courthouse Square, restrooms and electrical access on October 31st, from 2:00 PM until 6:30 PM for the afternoon frolic. Leander also announced that they will be closing Oregon at 4:30 P.M. for the evening frolic.

Eric Thompson, Historical Society Director and Larry Day, Historical Society board member, met with the Commissioners in regards to the sale of 518 Oregon and the society's time line on moving the Jack's Trains display. Date of possession for the building for the new owners will be January 1, 2017. Proceeds of the sale will go to the Historical Society.

Venice Sloan, Community Corrections director, presented to the Commissioners an amendment for an extension to the grant for the juvenile side of Community Corrections. Motion by Warren Ploeger to sign the amendment. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the Road and Bridge Department Permit 16-12. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 10 minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, Deputy County Clerk, Dawn Boyles, and the three Commissioners present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 8:46 a.m. Opened 8:56 a.m. No binding action taken.

Motion by Keith Olsen to adjourn. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 9:12 a.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 31, 2016 to approve month end bills.

APPROVED BY:

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WARREN PLOEGER, CHAIRMAN

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KEITH OLSEN, MEMBER