

August 15, 2016

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 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.

SHERIFF

John Merchant, Brown County Sheriff, reported there are 17 inmates, 12 males and 5 females, currently at the Brown County Jail. Merchant also reported on the Crimes Against Children training he attended in Dallas. Merchant discussed the purchase of a new patrol car.

HORTON SHOOTING RANGE

Horton Police Chief, John Calhoon, Hiawatha Police Chief, John DeFore, and Sheriff, John Merchant, discussed the idea of wanting to put up a training building at the Horton Shooting Range. Henry Repeating Arms has donated a rifle in support of their cause to raise funds for the project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Steve Roberts for a 15 minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the Services for the Elderly Director, Lori Gray, Brown County resident, Vickie Finger, three Commissioners, County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, and Deputy County Clerk Dawn Boyles present. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Closed 8:38 a.m. Opened 8:46 a.m. No binding action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 10 minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the Services for the Elderly Director, Lori Gray, Brown County resident, Vickie Finger, three Commissioners, County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, Deputy County Clerk Dawn Boyles, and County Attorney, Kevin Hill present. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Closed 8:47 a.m. Opened 8:54 a.m. No binding action taken.

HORTON SENIOR TAXI SERVICE

Motion by Keith Olsen to send a letter to Bill Wilhelm of Horton notifying him that he is no longer allowed use of the Horton Senior Taxi. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the August 8, 2016 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Correction to previous minutes the voter turnout was 36.06% not 42.81% as previously stated.

KDOT

Commissioner Ploeger reported KDOT has informed him that lights and cross arms will be installed on the railroad crossing on the state line north of Reserve located on 340th Street.

2017 BROWN COUNTY BUDGET HEARING

Motion by Warren Ploeger to go into budget hearing session. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

Jim Scherer, CPA, discussed the 2017 Brown County Budget, which is set at \$12.2 million.

Motion by Keith Roberts to accept the 2017 Brown County Budget as published. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

John Moore, HFED President, was present to request the Commissioners reconsider the HFED budget. Penny Hargrove, USD 415 Superintendant, Stacey Simmer, Rainbow Communications, and Dave Overdick, Crosswind Petfoods, addressed the board in support of HFED. MaryAnn Schmitt, business owner, questioned the board on a few items on the budget.

HFED

Motion by Keith Olsen to allocate \$26,000 from the General budget to be split evenly between Hiawatha Foundation for Economic Development and Horton Foundation for Economic Development. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Commissioner Ploeger abstained from the vote.

SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

Lori Gray, Services for the Elderly Director, reported back on Meals on Wheels. Gray visited with Roger Barnhart, Hiawatha Community Hospital Administrator, he will gather his information and report back to Gray and the Commission. Commissioner Olsen also recommended a couple people who would be interested in delivering meals in the Horton area. Gray presented a few ideas in regards to ways to lower costs.

ESG GRANT

County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, presented the Emergency Shelter Grant for additional signatures from the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 5 minute executive session on non-elected personnel with three Commissioners and Melissa Gormley, County Clerk, present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 9:47 a.m. Opened 9:50 a.m. No binding action taken.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday August 22, 2016.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

MELISSA GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

WARREN PLOEGER, CHAIRMAN

KEITH OLSEN, MEMBER

STEVE ROBERTS, MEMBER