

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

August 5, 2013

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

Keith Olsen opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported 22 inmates currently at the Brown County Jail. Merchant also reported on various arrests from the previous week.

MINUTES

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the July 31, 2013 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Motion by Warren Ploeger to charge for Household Hazardous Waste at the same rate as landfill fees. The hours for the HHW will coincide with the landfill rates. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Commissioner Ploeger will visit with Charlie Brockhoff on getting certified to operate the hazardous waste program.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Ron Karns submitted a bid from Berry Tractor & Equipment for a 2012 Mouldin PS2000 oil distributor and IH7300 truck. The total bid is \$146,000.00, less a trade-in of \$50,000.00 for the 2007 Etnyre and Sterling truck now owned by the County. This bid will be discussed with the Road Foremen. No action was taken at this time.

HORNED OWL ROAD

Concerned citizen Joan Heisort addressed the Commissioners with her concerns on the excessive speed of vehicles traveling Horned Owl Road. Ms. Heisort wondered why there have been no speed limit signs posted on that road. Commissioner Ploeger informed Ms. Heisort that State law states that speed limits on all roads are 55 unless otherwise posted. Therefore the County does not post those speed limit signs. Sheriff Merchant was present for this discussion. Sheriff Merchant informed her that Horned Owl Road is patrolled and monitored the same as other county roads.

COURT TRUSTEE

Judge Patton reported that Mike Schmitt did not receive the Court Trustee bid for the upcoming fiscal year. The current Trustee program will end on September 30, 2013. The Court Trustee program will be based out of Hays for the upcoming year. Judge Patton discussed the possible changes and implementations of the Court Trustee program for the 22nd Judicial District.

SHERIFF DISPATCH

Andy Delaney reported on the Sheriff Dispatch Committee meeting. He roughly explained how the dispatch allocation fee was determined to be recommended to the City Commissioners. Mr. Delaney did not feel the current contract of the City subsidizing the salary of 2 ½ employees accurately represented Hiawatha City's costs. The subsidy will be reviewed on an annual basis and a new formula for better determining the costs will be explored.

2014 BUDGET

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve 2014 Budget for publication. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. The 2014 budget hearing will be held on August 19, 2013 at 9:00 am.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday August 12, 2013.