

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

May 6, 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 were County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn. County Attorney Kevin Hill was present for a portion of the meeting. Keith Olsen opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported there are 18 inmates currently at the Brown County Jail. Merchant discussed various arrests and cases during the last week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 10 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, Sheriff John Merchant, County Attorney Kevin Hill and County Clerk Debbie Parker present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 8:14 a.m. Opened 8:24 a.m. No binding action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 5 minute continuance of the Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, Sheriff John Merchant, County Attorney Kevin Hill and County Clerk Debbie Parker present. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Closed 8:24 a.m. Opened 8:29 a.m.

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the creation of the new position Jail/Dispatch Administrator at the wage of \$18.50 per hour. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant announced that the new position of Jail/Dispatch Administrator would be filled by Jennifer Lambert, current Head Dispatcher of the Brown County Jail.

NEKCAP

Phyllis Schafer, NEKCAP, reported that Brown County had been awarded an Emergency Shelter Grant. She presented an environmental review form for the Commissioners signatures.

MINUTES

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Sam Schuetz, American Legion, requested the possible use of the Courthouse Lobby on May 27, 2013, for the Memorial Day Services. The Courthouse lobby would be used only in case of rain.

HIAWATHA FUN & RUN BLOCK PARTY

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the request of the Hiawatha Chamber of Commerce for the use of the west side of the Courthouse Square on June 1, 2013, for the Hiawatha Summer Fun & Run Block Party. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

HFED

Don Nigus and Gene Hillyer, Hiawatha Foundation for Economic Development, presented the annual HFED report. Hillyer introduced Jessica Kisling, who has been hired as the new HFED Director to fill the position left by Don Nigus on his retirement. Also discussed was the Farmers Market, to be held every Tuesday evening in the Hiawatha Thriftway parking lot.

DEFFENBAUGH INDUSTRIES

Brent Miller, Deffenbaugh Industries, discussed the possibility of bidding on the trash hauling from the Brown County Transfer Station. Brown County currently has a contract with Hamm Quarries for trash hauling.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant introduced the new Jail/Dispatch Administrator Jessica Lambert to the Commissioners.

BG CONSULTANTS

Tom Bennett, BG Consultants, discussed problems with 19 large truss bridges in Brown County. Brown County is currently responsible for a total of 208 bridges. Bennett presented a proposal to replace 4 of these truss bridges at a total cost of

\$2,269,000. Brown County's tax mil levy would have to be raised approximately one mil to pay for this construction depending upon the term of the bonds.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday May 13, 2013.