

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

March 18, 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 25 inmates currently at the Brown County Jail.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 5 minute Executive Session on potential litigation with the three Commissioners and Sheriff John Merchant present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 8:01 a.m. Opened 8:06 a.m. No binding action was taken.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Assistant Emergency Preparedness Director Richard Lehmkuhl requested that the Commissioners appoint someone to organize Tornado and Fire procedures for the Courthouse.

SERVICES ELDERLY

Lori Gray, Services Elderly, discussed a contract with the Horton Hospital in regards to Meals on Wheels.

KWORCC INSPECTION REPORT

County Clerk Debbie Parker presented the KWORCC Inspection report on problems on County Buildings, including problems at the Senior Citizens Building, which is owned by the American Legion. County Attorney Kevin Hill will review the liability and legal issues of the problems with the American Legion Building.

WALNUT TOWNSHIP TREASURER APPOINTMENT

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the appointment of Brett Trentman as Walnut Township Treasurer, due to the resignation of the office by Randy Jurgensmeier. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License of the Kickapoo Truck Plaza. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Hiawatha Chamber of Commerce requested the use of the Courthouse Grounds for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 30, 2013. Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the request. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

TAX CHANGE ORDERS

Tax change orders 2012- 109 through 2012-115, 2012-117 and 2012-118 were approved and signed.

MINUTES

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the March 11, 2013 minutes. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

WARREN RUTLAND

Warren Rutland, District 1 Road Crewman, was recognized for his 27 years of service as a Brown County Road Crew Employee. Rutland is retiring effective March 20, 2013.

APPRAISER

Appraiser Paula Jones discussed the need for more storage shelves in the basement storage area. Materials would be paid from the Janitor Fund, with the shelves being built by Appraiser employee Curt Clark. The request was approved.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Community Corrections Director Venice Sloan introduced new PAC employee Holly Merchant to the Commissioners.

KICKAPOO LETTER OF SUPPORT

A letter of support was requested by the Kickapoo Tribe in regards to a HUD Grant. Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the grant for houses on the Reservation. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

HORTON HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR

Chris Barlow, Horton Hospital Administrator, introduced himself as the new administrator of the Horton Hospital. Barlow discussed the possible construction of a new 25 bed hospital in Horton.

CLEAN LINE ENERGY

Mark Lawlor, Clean Line Energy, presented an update on the Grain Belt Express Clean Line. Lawlor discussed the concerns raised by Marshall County, Kansas and stated that Counties will receive long term economic benefits from property taxes on the Line. A decision on the route through Brown County will be made after July 1, 2013.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to adjourn. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.
The next meeting will be held Monday March 25, 2013.