OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

November 12, 2012
The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Steve Roberts, Warren Ploeger and Keith Olsen. 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. Steve Roberts opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

SHERIFF
Sheriff John Merchant reported 19 inmates currently at the Brown County Jail.

TAX STATEMENTS
Commissioner Roberts requested that Treasurer Cheryl Lippold notify the public via a media statement explaining the tax statement problems. Lippold agreed to issue the statement.

COUNTY EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE/RAISE
John Matalone, Brown County Insurance Broker, explained the GAP plan and deductible to the many County employees who were present for the meeting.
Matalone discussed the following health insurance options:
Dental care plan, which is currently provided by the County for both the employee and family.
Health Savings Accounts, an option the County does not currently provide and Matalone reported that HSA's do not seem to be a viable option in the future.
Employee only insurance, with no family plan. Many employers currently will not cover employee spouses if they have insurance coverage through their employer.
County Attorney Kevin Hill questioned whether Matalone stated last week that Matalone recommended not cutting family insurance. Matalone stated that he had said that, but with that being said it wasn't the current trend.
Hill questioned whether the County benefits by having younger employees. Matalone stated that having younger employees would decrease the cost of health insurance.
Health Insurance and raises were questioned by County employees Karen Lehmkuhl and John Merchant.
The Commissioners decided to keep the current policy on dental insurance, with the County paying employee, spouse and family policies.
Motion by Warren Ploeger to keep the current dental policy, to keep the fifty cent an hour raise intact, to no longer cover the spouse if that spouse is covered by their company's insurance, to have the GAP plan only cover the employee, and to pay an additional $100 per month for each tier above the employee level. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

MINUTES
Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the November 5, 2012 minutes. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

JINGLE BELL RIDE
Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the use of the Courthouse grounds and lobby for the annual Jingle Bell Ride on November 18, 2012. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

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November 12, 2012
The Board of Brown County Commissioners met as provided by KSA 25-3101 as a Canvassing Board to canvass the returns from the November 6, 2012 General Election. The following members were present: Steve Roberts, Warren Ploeger and Keith Olsen. Also present were County Clerk/Election Officer Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn.
Steve Roberts opened the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

CANVASS OF BALLOTS
Motion by Warren Ploeger to allow Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn to assist in canvassing the ballots. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

The November 6, 2012 General Election voting records were canvassed. There were 169 provisional ballots. Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the counting of 130 provisional ballots, with 39 provisional ballots not counted, all according to Kansas State Statutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.
Election Officer Debbie Parker reported a 60.68% per cent voter turnout for Brown County, including the provisional ballots.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the November 6, 2012 General Election canvass. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the canvassing meeting by Keith Olsen. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday November 19, 2012.