

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

October 29, 2012

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Steve Roberts and Warren Ploeger. 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 there are 21 inmates currently in the Brown County jail. Merchant reported that 2 officers had graduated from the 14 week KLETC Basic Training course in Hutchinson, Kansas. Merchant stated that with the addition of these 2 officers they will be able to provide 24 hour service to the county at most times.

COUNTY INSURANCE

Sheriff John Merchant expressed his concerns regarding the recent insurance announcement, stating that most of his work force was younger with families and deserved special consideration.

Commissioner Warren Ploeger stated that the County has been subsidizing the employee family insurance for years, with basically a \$2,000 a year benefit to those employees with spouses and families.

Deputy Mickey Gruber questioned the amount of the new insurance per tier.

Commissioner Steve Roberts reported that the insurance/raise decision made last week had been discussed for the last few years in order to make the best decision for everyone; the decision was not made at one meeting.

Deputy Richard Lehmkuhl also spoke on the subject of family insurance.

GOLDFINCH ROAD PROJECT

Virginia Dienstbier, CDBG Grant Writer, presented a release for funds for signatures for the Hamlin Township Road Project.

DISTRICT COURT

District Court Clerk Joy Moore discussed her budget shortfall this year, explaining that a computer server had to unexpectedly be replaced and two jury trials are expected in December. Moore stated that two full time employees will be hired to fill to empty positions.

CLEAN LINE ENERGY PARTNERS

Mark Lawlor, Clean Line Energy Partners, presented an update on the proposed Grain Belt Express energy plan routes, which will be in northern Kansas. The power lines will be above ground. Town meetings will be held early next year to provide information to the public. The exact route has not yet been decided, but the heavily populated areas will be avoided.

MINUTES

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2012 regular meeting. Seconded by Warren Ploeger.

Motion carried.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to adjourn. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday October 31, 2012, to approve the month end bills.