

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

August 20, 2012

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met as provided by KSA 25-3101 as a Canvassing Board to canvass the returns of the recount from the August 7, 2012 General Election, with the recount being held on August 15, 2012. 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 8:00 a.m.

CANVASS OF BALLOTS

Keith Olsen abstained from the canvass, as the Commissioner District 2 race was the object of the recount.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to allow Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn to assist in canvassing the ballots. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

The August 7, 2012 General Election voting records of the August 15, 2012 recount were canvassed.

The recount resulted with no change to the original canvass of votes, with the votes as follows: Keith Olsen with 218 votes; Roger Madere with 217 votes; and Richard Geiger with 128 votes.

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the canvass of the recount. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the canvassing meeting by Steve Roberts. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

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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. Chairman Steve Roberts opened the meeting at 8:11 a.m.

MINUTES

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2012 regular meeting. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the August 13, 2012 minutes for the August 7, 2012 Primary Election Canvassing meeting. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

TAX CHANGE ORDER

Tax change order #2011-107 was approved and signed.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported there are 18 inmates currently at the Brown County Jail.

Merchant reported on the impounded vehicle auction held by Howard Auction on August 18, 2012, with ten vehicles selling for a total of \$7,055. Two Services for the Elderly vehicles were also sold at the auction.

BROWN COUNTY 2013 BUDGET APPROVED

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the Brown County 2013 Budget for publication. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

RESOLUTION #12-12

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve Resolution #12-12, which approves a resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Brown County Commissioners with respect to financing the 2013 annual budget for Brown County for publication, as required by KSA 79-2295b. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP ROAD REQUEST

A letter was received from the Robinson Township Board stating they had received a request from one of the adjacent landowners to vacate a road in Robinson Township. This is a minimum maintenance road and Robinson Township has no objection to vacating the half mile section of Timber Road south from 180th Street. Commissioner Olsen will review the request and the road.

TAX SALES

County Attorney Kevin Hill presented a Memorandum Letter regarding the properties which did not sell at the Brown County Tax Sale. The Memorandum letter will be sent to the cities, as properties will first be offered to the cities where the properties are located. If the cities decline the offer, then the property will be offered to the public, with the property taxes being due from 2010 and subsequent years.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the Memorandum being sent **to** the municipalities regarding the offer. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

DISTRICT COURT BUDGET

District Court Clerk Lela Smith-Middendorf presented the District Court Budget for signatures. Commissioner Ploeger informed Smith-Middendorf that the amount of the District Court Budget had been cut from the original request. Smith-Middendorf will amend the District Court Budget to the \$100,000 approved by the Commissioners.

JIM SCHERER, CPA

Jim Scherer, CPA, discussed the 2013 Brown County Budget.

BID OPENING ROTARY MOWER

Three bids were received for a rotary mower. Bids were as follows: Skyview Equipment with a bid of \$5,000 with trade-in; Bruna Implement with a bid of \$7,400 with trade-in; and Hiawatha Implement with a bid of \$5,700 with trade-in

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the Skyview Equipment bid of \$5,000 with trade-in. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

BROWN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Eric Oldham, Director Brown County Historical Society, requested permission to use Brown County's tax exempt status for a \$550,000 construction project proposed by the Historical Society. The County will apply for a tax exempt construction exemption on behalf of the Brown County Historical Society.

SCOLAR COMPANY

Curt Engal, Josh Thelen and Wyatt Brummer, the Scoular Company of Omaha, Nebraska, discussed a proposal for building grain storage and railroad shipping facility in Willis, Kansas. Proposed start date for the project is in the fall of 2012.

NOXIOUS WEED

George Bruning, Noxious Weed Director, discussed problems with noxious weeds in southern Brown County.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday August 27, 2012.