

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

June 11, 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 was County Clerk Debbie Parker. County Attorney Kevin Hill was present for a portion of the meeting.

Chairman Steve Roberts opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported there are 29 inmates currently at the Brown County Jail. Merchant reported on various arrests for the week, including a drug arrest in Hiawatha. Sheriff Merchant explained to Dean Tollefson why the Sheriff's department needed to purchase the storage shed which is used to keep the car seats that are given to Brown County families as needed. Merchant asked that Mr. Tollefson ask him directly if he had concerns over such matters. Merchant also explained the numerous problems that existed with the old jail and explained why it is unsuitable for use as storage.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 10 minute executive session on pending litigation to include the three Commissioners, Sheriff Merchant and County Attorney Kevin Hill. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Meeting closed at 8:10 a.m. and opened at 8:20 a.m. No binding action was taken.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Kevin Hill visited with the Commissioners about setting a policy for the sale of the properties that did not receive a bid from the tax sale. The County will contact the municipalities to see if they are interested in buying any of these properties. If not they will be open to be purchased by the public. Anyone interested in purchasing properties should send a written request with the purchase price included. The interested party will be responsible for paying the taxes on these properties from the date that the petition for the tax sale was filed. If there are special assessments on the properties they are the responsibility of the buyer.

COUNTY TREASURER

Brown County Treasurer Cheryl Lippold asked the Commissioners to budget for security lights on the stairwells of the Courthouse. She also addressed her concern over the handicapped accessible parking around the Courthouse square. She had a difficult time helping a customer into the courthouse due to the location of the parking and the ramps into the Courthouse. The Commissioners will review the layout around the Courthouse to see if there is a plausible solution. Cheryl also discussed the new motor vehicle program and the problems with it. She is hopeful that things are improving. Her major concern is not being able to reach the state for support when they have problems.

JAMES SCHERER CPA

An engagement letter from James Scherer CPA was signed to secure his services to assist with the County budget.

MINUTES

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the June 4, 2012 minutes. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Mr. Tollefson said that he did not say that he did not trust the Commissioners as reported in the minutes. Commissioner Ploeger said he disagreed with Mr. Tollefson's statement. Motion carried with Commissioner Olsen abstaining due to his absence from the meeting.

Motion by Keith Olsen to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday June 18, 2012.