

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

April 30, 2012

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman 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.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

The April 30, 2012 month-end claims were approved as follows:

001 General	\$65,437.08
103 Road & Bridge	119,133.45
121 Health	15,362.50
123 Historical Society	1,666.66
125 Employee Benefit	40,407.09
127 Election	2,707.32
129 Extension	7,407.33
131 Mental Health	5,640.00
133 Mental Retardation	2,254.33
135 Capital Improvement	1,184.80
143 Appraiser	1,607.97
145 Ambulance	8,325.00
147 Noxious Weed	11,261.45
151 Alcohol	4,716.74
155 Diversion	735.25
157 911	3,177.55
165 ACC	2,114.32
167 JJCR	3,434.11
170 Drug Endangered Child	61.70
201 Services for Elderly	3,182.01
211 Solid Waste	51,804.04
909 Payroll	655.28
915 Court Trustee	809.85
Total	\$353,085.83

DISTRICT 3 ROAD

Motion by Warren Ploeger to appoint Todd Gruber as District 3 Road Foreman effective April 29, 2012. Gruber will be replacing Jack Blanton who has retired. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION--INTERVIEW

Motion by Warren Ploeger for an Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, County Clerk Debbie Parker, District 3 Road Foreman Todd Gruber and Doug Bletscher present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 8:01 a.m. Opened 8:16 a.m. No binding action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for an Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, County Clerk Debbie Parker and Sheriff John Merchant present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 8:19 a.m. Opened 8:24 a.m. No binding action was taken.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported 15 inmates currently in the Brown County Jail. The past week arrests were discussed.

COMMUNICATIONS TOWER

Deputy James Traxler presented an update on the new Communications Tower.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Venice Sloan, Director Community Corrections, presented the quarterly Certification Report for signatures.

MINUTES

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the April 23, 2012 minutes. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

RAILROAD/KDOT MEETING

Steve Roberts reported on a meeting with the Railroad and KDOT. Both the Railroad and KDOT are requesting to close OS Bridge #140 south of Hiawatha on Kestrel between 200th and 210th Streets.

Also discussed was the possible closing of the double railroad crossing at the Kingfisher and 250th intersection, due to the increased railroad traffic and the dangerous curve before the bridge. Roberts will speak with the Township Officials regarding the request for this closing. Currently there are approximately 37 trains traveling through Hiawatha each day, with an estimated 60 trains a day by 2014.

COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

County Attorney Kevin Hill, District Court Clerk Lela Smith-Middendorf and Attorney Andrew Delaney discussed Court Appointed Attorney Fees. A proposed contract allowing for a flat fee per month was discussed as opposed to the current case by case billing method.

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the contract with the Court Appointed Attorneys, with the Delaney Law Office and the Herbst Law Office each receiving \$2,200 per month and Kansas Legal Services receiving \$1,000 per month. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. The current contract will be effective May 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

NOTARIES

The Commissioners requested that each office on the second floor of the Courthouse have at least one Notary in their office, with two Notaries requested in the Treasurer Office. Treasurer Cheryl Lippold, Register of Deeds Nellie Brockhoff and Appraiser Paula Jones were present for the discussion.

TREASURER OFFICE

Starting Tuesday May 1, the Treasurer's Office will not be able to provide Driver's Licenses or motor vehicle transactions until at least May 8, 2012. This is due to an update by the State of Kansas to all Treasurer Offices.

COUNTY TAX SALE

County Attorney Kevin Hill reported that the County Tax Sale was held on Thursday April 26, 2012, with the court papers being filed on Friday April 27, 2012. Any properties not selling on the Tax Sale will be available for purchase at a later date under the Public Purpose Doctrine.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday, May 7, 2012.