

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

April 16, 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.

ROAD FOREMAN

Herb Roland, District 1 Road Foreman, discussed road projects for the week.

TAX SALE

County Attorney Kevin Hill discussed the County Tax Sale scheduled for April 26, 2012, located in the first floor lobby of the Brown County Courthouse. A listing of the properties is on the Brown County Website under the County Attorney link.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported 17 inmates currently at the Brown County Jail. The Sheriff's Office is asking assistance from the public in locating Brandi Ulbright, 28 years of age. Persons with information on Ulbright are asked to contact the Sheriff's Office.

DRIVER'S LICENSE OFFICE

Treasurer Cheryl Lippold reported the Driver's License Office will be closed State-wide from May 1 through May 7 for installation of the new Driver's License update.

MINUTES

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the April 9, 2012 minutes, which includes the Canvass of Ballots for the April 3, 2012 Hiawatha/Horton City General Election. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the April 10, 2012 minutes. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Keith Olsen abstained from voting as he was absent from the April 10 meeting. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #12-11

Motion by Keith Olsen to accept Resolution #12-11, which is a letter of support for Brown County Developmental Services in regards to the State of Kansas funding to BCDS. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

TAX CHANGE ORDERS

Tax change orders #2011-95 through #2011-98 were approved and signed.

ITERNET/TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

IT Department Director Sandy Carter discussed the County's computer firewall protection. Carter would like to change to Heartland Technology Solutions of St Joseph, Missouri for firewall monitoring. The Commissioners agreed to let Carter change firewall companies.

BG CONSULTANTS

Tom Bennett, BG Consultants, discussed the Padonia safety project. Bennett presented the 2012 Brown County Off System Bridge Inspection Update. Bennett recommended the closing of the north bridge in Robinson. Olsen will contact the Mayor of Robinson to set up a meeting regarding the bridge. Fracture critical bridges were discussed.

BRIDGE CONCERNS

Richard Rooney and Glen Hennigan, Brown County residents, voiced their concerns over the possible closing of Bridge 122 on Bobcat Road, which is a dirt road. Rooney asked if any other option could be used to cross the creek. The problems of low water crossings were then discussed. Ploeger stated that he planned to close the bridge within 2 to 3 years when the \$2,500 inspection per bridge is required by the State of Kansas. A total of 6 fracture critical bridges are proposed to be closed in Brown County.

Horton Headlight reporter Lara Strube questioned the number of fracture critical bridges in Brown County, as Bennett previously stated there were 24 fracture critical bridges and the new 2012 Bridge report lists 26 fracture critical bridges. Bennett thought the two extra bridges were probably in the City of Robinson.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 10 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, Sheriff John Merchant, Deputies Richard Lehmkuhl and Randy Linck present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 10:42 a.m. Opened 10:52 a.m. No binding action was taken.

Motion by Keith Olsen to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday April 23, 2012.