

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

May 14, 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 was County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn. County Attorney Kevin Hill was also present. Steve Roberts opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

SHERIFF

Deputy James Traxler reported there are currently 23 inmates currently in the county jail. Traxler requested the County donate the flagpole at the old County Jail to the City of Robinson for use at Memorial Park.

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the donation. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

TREASURER

Cheryl Lippold, Treasurer, reported that the Motor Vehicle Office re-opened on May 8, 2012. Lippold stated the new system has problems but both the staff and customers have been patient with the new process. The Driver's License Office is now open with no problems.

MINUTES

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the May 7, 2012 minutes. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE

Motion by Warren Ploeger to have the policy of the Administrative Leave read as follows: paid leave will accumulate benefits and unpaid leave will not accumulate benefits. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

BRIDGE CLOSURE

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the permanent bridge closing on 210th Street between Falcon and Foxtail. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

APPRAISER

Appraiser Paula Jones stated that her part time employee will have adjusted hours due to a schedule conflict.

BG CONSULTANTS

Tom Bennett, BG Consultants, discussed the possible closing of the double railroad crossing at the Kingfisher and 250th intersection. Bennett stated that in his opinion it was a legitimate safety concern. Also discussed was a proposed low water crossing, OS-216, located on 180th Street between Plum Tree and Prairie Roads. Bennett reported the biennial bridge inspection was finished. Brown has a total of 214 bridges, with 66 bridges in District 1, 62 bridges in District 2 and 86 bridges in District 3. Four of these inspections included the fracture critical inspections at \$1,200.00 per bridge. Total cost of the bridge inspection was \$29,990.30 to BG Consultants.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 15 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, Register of Deeds Nellie Brockhoff, County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy Clerk Marla Hathhorn present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 9:38 a.m. Opened 9:53 a.m. No binding action was taken.

COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY FEES

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the Court Appointed Attorney Fee Contracts with attorneys Andrew Delaney and Judd Herbster, at a fee of \$2,200 per month for both Delaney and Herbster; also, an agreement with the Kansas Legal Services for a fee of \$1,000 per month. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

HFED LANDBANK

County Attorney Kevin Hill discussed the requested letter of support concerning the proposed HFED Landbank. Hiawatha Foundation for Economic Development Director Don Nigus was present for the discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 10 minute Executive Session on attorney/client privilege, with the three Commissioners and County Attorney Kevin Hill present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 10:22 a.m. Opened 10:29 a.m. No binding action was taken.

SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY ADVISORY BOARD

County Attorney Kevin Hill advised the Commissioners that there are no legal statutes requiring Brown County to have a Services for the Elderly Advisory Board.

Motion by Keith Olsen to dissolve the Services for the Elderly Advisory Board. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

DISTRICT 3 CREWMAN

Warren Ploeger reported that Rodney Allen, the new road crewman for District 3, will begin work on Monday May 21, 2012.

HFED

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the signing of a letter of support for the Brown County Healthy Foods Coalition . Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion Carried.

Motion by Keith Olsen to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday May 21, 2012.