

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

March 5, 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 present for a portion of the meeting. Steve Roberts opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the February 29, 2012 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Motion by Keith Olsen for use of the Courthouse grounds and First Floor Restrooms for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 7, 2012, sponsored by the Hiawatha Chamber of Commerce. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported there are currently 18 inmates currently in the county jail. Possible sources for Community Service trash pickup at the Landfill was discussed.

RESOLUTION #12-09

Motion by Keith Olsen to accept Resolution #12-09, which declares April as Fair Housing Month. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

APPRAISER

Appraiser Paula Jones presented the 2012 appraised value of the old jail, which is \$71,000.

Jones questioned whether the old Services for the Elderly pickup could be used by the Appraiser Office. Jones would like to purchase a 4 wheel drive vehicle.

Jones stated that Ag land values are going up significantly, due to an 8 year study by K-State.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 10 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners and Appraiser Paula Jones present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 8:25 a.m. Opened 8:35 a.m. Commissioner Roberts announce that two applicants were chosen to be interviewed for a part time position in the Appraiser's Office.

TAX SALE

County Attorney Kevin Hill reported that \$140,000 has been collected prior to the delinquent tax sale. The Tax Sale could be scheduled by the end of April.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Register of Deeds Nellie Brockhoff discussed the NEK meeting invitations.

TUBE BID OPENING

Road Foremen Herb Roland and Jerry Hisle were present for the opening of the tube bids. Three bids were received for both galvanized and aluminized tubes, however the 8 gauge tube was only bid as galvanized by all three companies. Brown County chose to go with the aluminized on all available tubes. The bids were as follows: Metal Culverts with a bid of \$59,709.82; Welborn Sales with a bid of \$62,844.96.00; and DC Wholesale with a bid of \$66,643.00.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the Metal Culverts bid of \$59,709.82. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

BG CONSULTANTS

Tom Bennett, BG Consultants, reported that Safety Project 7C-0062-01 on Kestrel Road south of Padonia was let to Leavenworth Construction. Bennett also discussed the fracture critical bridge inspection requirements. The fracture critical bridge inspections will not be done this year with the regularly scheduled bi-annual bridge inspections with the exception of a few fracture critical bridges. Bennett wants to use Brown County as a test County to determine their costs for doing fracture critical inspections.

WELBORN SALES

Emily Spencer, Welborn Sales, presented an agreement between the Brown County and Welborn Sales for signatures.

FENCE VIEWING

The Commissioners, County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn left at 10:30 a.m. for two 11 a.m. scheduled fence viewings. The fence viewing was requested by David Zeit on property owned by Euna Faye Brandt and

Lawrence Lierz. The location of the fences are in Section 33, Township 3, and Range 15E, with both the north and south side of the boundary fences to be viewed.

Motion by Keith Olsen to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The next meeting will be held Monday March 12, 2012.