

## **OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK**

February 6, 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. Steve Roberts opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

### **ROAD FOREMAN**

Herb Roland, Road Foreman, discussed the fencing around the Communications Tower.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff John Merchant reported 13 inmates currently in the Brown County Jail. The Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office has certified that the Brown County Sheriff's office is a certified 2012 child passenger inspection station.

### **REGISTER OF DEEDS**

Nellie Brockhoff, Register of Deeds, plans to hire CIC, a company which will review the stored Register of Deeds old records including the records held in storage at the underground salt mines in Hutchison, Kansas. CIC will charge an estimated \$7,000, to be paid from the Register of Deeds Tech Funds. Brockhoff discussed microfilming some of the old grantee/grantor ledgers.

### **MINUTES**

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the January 31, 2012 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

### **HOWARD AUCTION SERVICE**

Bill Howard, Howard Auction Service, discussed the auction at the old jail. March 10, 2012 is the tentative date for the auction. Two vehicles from Services for the Elderly will be auctioned at that time.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for an 10 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, County Clerk Debbie Parker, Services for the Elderly Lori Gray and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 8:36 a.m. Opened 8:43 a.m. No binding action was taken.

### **STATEMENT OF SUPPORT**

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

### **COUNTY VAN**

Motion by Steve Roberts to purchase a 2010 Chrysler Town & Country LX Minivan from Hiawatha Ford. The cost will be \$17,999 less the trade-in on a Ford Focus at \$8,200. The final cost will be \$9,700. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

### **SANDY CARTER 30 YEARS**

The Commissioners recognized Sandy Carter, Brown County Employee, for her 30 years of service to Brown County. Sandy has worked as Deputy Register of Deeds, Register of Deeds and is now the County Internet/Technology Director.

### **TAX CHANGE ORDER**

Tax change order #2011-53 was approved and signed.

### **HFED**

Don Nigus, Hiawatha Foundation for Economic Development, presented the HFED annual report.

### **KICKAPOO TRIBE**

Steve Cadue, Kickapoo Tribe Chairman, presented the 2011 Economic Impact Report. An Economic Summit is being planned by the Kickapoo Tribe around the first of May, with the State and Local community leaders invited. Curt Simon, Adolph Cadue and Bobbi Darnell were also present for the meeting.

### **TOWN & COUNTRY AMBULANCE**

Jim Reigle, Town & Country Ambulance, and Duke Koerperich, Brown County resident, discussed the purchase of the ambulance service by Duke Koerperich and the continuance of the current lease with Brown County. Reigle reported that he and his wife Lana have owned the ambulance service for 26 years. The purchase is effect starting March 1, 2012. The

ambulance service name will be changed to Town & Country EMS.

**LEGAL NEWSPAPER**

Steve Roberts discussed the legal newspaper question from last week's meeting. Roberts stated that the County Attorney stated that the bid awarded to the Horton Headlight as the legal newspaper for 2012 was legal and binding.

Motion by Keith Olsen to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday February 13, 2012.