

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

February 13, 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.

PAYROLL

The February 8, 2012 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$52,499.25
Road & Bridge	11,880.62
Election	1,325.77
Appraiser	5,078.46
Noxious Weed	686.25
ACC	6,282.91
JJA Core	7,598.19
Services for Elderly	2,207.25
Solid Waste	3,459.75
Court Trustee	8,251.80
Employee Ben FICA	5,610.99
Employee Ben KPERS	6,061.72
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-445.92
Insurance	-2,819.06
TOTAL	\$107,677.98

DEAN TOLLEFSON

Dean Tollefson, Brown County resident, questioned who he should talk with in regards to touring the old jail for possible uses. He was told to talk with the Sheriff for a tour.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported 11 inmates currently at the Brown County Jail. Merchant reported on various arrests. Merchant reported that the Sheriff's Office had located a missing Marshall County man. The man was found dead in his vehicle in the southwest part of Brown County.

ROAD FOREMAN

Herb Roland, Road Foreman, discussed bridge project OS-42.

TREASURER

Brown County Treasurer Cheryl Lippold was congratulated on the efficiency of her office. Ploeger had received a phone call from a Topeka citizen who was impressed with the Brown County office.

MINUTES

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the February 6, 2012 minutes. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

NOXIOUS WEED REPORT

The Noxious Weed 2011 Annual Report was approved and signed.

TAX CHANGE ORDERS

Tax change orders #2011-54 through #2011-81 was approved and signed.

ABANDONED VEHICLES

County Attorney Kevin Hill reported that letters had been sent Monday February 6 to the owners of the abandoned vehicles in the Sheriff compound.

LIBERTY NATIONAL INSURANCE

Chase Brown, Liberty National Insurance, discussed optional insurance policies that are available with his company. The Board of Commissioners will review the information before making a decision.

BRIDGE PROJECTS

Ron Seitz, KDOT, Norm Bowers, Local Road Engineer, and Tom Bennett, BG Consultants discussed the recent fracture critical bridge inspection mandates. Seitz stated that the bridge inspection laws have not changed in the past 20 years but are now being enforced more stringently. The fracture critical bridges only need to be inspected once every 24 months. Tom Bennett reported they were not aware of this. According to Seitz, federal monies could be withheld from the State of Kansas if the bridge inspections are not made. Also present for the meeting were Eric Deitcher, KDOT, Kent Anschutz, KDOT, Brian P Engelke, KDOT, Bill Pollock, Brown County resident, Richard Rooney, Brown County resident, Glenn Hennigan, Brown County resident, Matt Dorssom, Atchison County Road Supervisor, Mike Bodenhausen, Atchison County Commissioner, Nate Hartenbower, BG Consultants, Herb Roland, Brown County Bridge Foreman, and Leroy Koehn, KDOT.

BG CONSULTANTS

Tom Bennett and Nate Hartenbower, BG Consultants, discussed a problem with getting utilities moved for a safety project.

BILL POLLOCK

Bill Pollock, Republican Party Chairman, discussed what he feels is the lack of meeting places in Hiawatha and Brown County. County Attorney Kevin Hill reported on the liability issue of Pollock's request to have the Republican Party meeting in the basement of the Brown County Jail.

DEAN TOLLEFSON

Dean Tollefson, Brown County resident, returned to report that the old jail building is appraised at a \$250,000. Tollefson says he cannot understand why the building is being demolished.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 10 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, County Clerk Debbie Parker and County Attorney Kevin Hill present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed at 11:50 a.m. Opened at 11:58 a.m. No binding action was taken.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m. The next meeting will be held Tuesday February 21, 2012, as the Courthouse will be closed Monday in observance of President's Day.