

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

December 12, 2011

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 Clerk Marla Hathhorn. Steve Roberts opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported 20 inmates currently being held in the Brown County Jail. Merchant discussed the fatal shooting of the Atchison City Police Officer last week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 10 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, Sheriff John Merchant, Deputy Richard Lehmkuhl and County Clerk Debbie Parker present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 8:08 a.m. Opened 8:18 a.m.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to appoint Investigator Randy Linck as Emergency Management Director with Deputy Richard Lehmkuhl as his assistant, effective January 1, 2012. The Emergency Management funds will be transferred to the Sheriff's Department Budget. Linck will receive a raise equal to the Undersheriff's wages. Lehmkuhl will become a full-time Sheriff's Department employee, working as needed as Chaplain, Emergency Management Assistant and Road Officer. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

OLD JAIL EQUIPMENT AUCTION

Sandy Carter, IT Department, presented photos and information for a possible auction of the old jail equipment. Steve Roberts will contact Bill Howard's Auction service.

MINUTES

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the December 5, 2011 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

APPRAISER

Appraiser Paula Jones informed the Commissioners that Cartographer Teresa Clements had been with the County Appraiser's Office for 25 years. The Commissioners congratulated Clements on her accomplishment and thanked her for her dedication.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the appointment of Larry Adcock to the Brown County Historical Society Board. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

TAX CHANGE ORDERS

Tax change orders #2011-19, 24, 26-35 were approved and signed.

CLEAN LINE ENERGY

Mark Lawlor and Ally Smith, Clean Line Energy Partners, discussed renewable wind energy and high voltage direct current. Construction of a direct current line from western Kansas to eastern Missouri could potentially run through Brown County with construction starting in 2014.

BG CONSULTANTS

Tom Bennett, BG Consultants, discussed truss bridges and inspections. There are 24 truss structures in Brown County which need to be inspected annually at a cost of \$3,800 each. Bennett recommends that five of these truss bridges be closed due to the high cost of inspections and the low usage. Four of the bridges are located in District 3 and the other is in District 2.

HORTON EMS

Jeremy Forkenbrock, Horton EMS, requested that the Commissioners consider a lease purchase with the County purchasing ambulance equipment (two Power Pro Ambulance cots and accessories) and the Horton EMS reimbursing the County in the amount of \$24,414.24 over 5 years time.

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the lease purchase. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday December 19, 2011.