

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

November 7, 2011

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 November 1, 2011 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$51,531.16
Road & Bridge	11,538.50
Election	1,285.77
Appraiser	4,918.46
Noxious Weed	1,200.00
ACC	6,281.61
JJ Prevention	7,014.09
Services for Elderly	3,107.37
Solid Waste	2,793.13
Court Trustee	3,935.22
Sp MVT	1,163.63
Employee Ben FICA	5,676.26
Employee Ben KPERS	5,674.70
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-361.24
Insurance	-2,089.47
TOTAL	\$103,669.19

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported 20 inmates currently at the Brown County Jail. Merchant also reported several reports of tremors being felt in Brown County from the 5.6 earthquake in Oklahoma.

2012 HOLIDAYS

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the 2011 Holidays for Brown County as follows. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

New Year's Day	Monday January 2, 2012
Martin Luther King Day	Monday January 16, 2012
Presidents Day	Monday February 20, 2012
Memorial Day	Monday May 28, 2012
Independence Day	Wednesday July 4, 2012
Labor Day	Monday September 3, 2012
Veterans Day	Monday November 12, 2012
Thanksgiving Holiday	Thursday November 22, 2012 Friday November 23, 2012
Christmas Holiday	Monday December 24, 2012 Tuesday December 25, 2012

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 5 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the 3 Commissioners and Treasurer Cheryl Lippold present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 8:18 a.m. Opened 8:21 a.m. No binding action was taken.

MOTOR VEHICLE SYSTEM

Treasurer Cheryl Lippold reported that the State of Kansas has delayed the start of the new Motor Vehicle System. It was slated to start in December 2011 but is now scheduled for January 2012.

COUNTY CELL PHONE POLICY

County Clerk Debbie Parker reported that the County Cell Phone Policy needs to be changed as cell phones are no longer taxable according to federal tax regulations.

MINUTES

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the minutes of October 31, 2011. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

KAC VOTING DELEGATE

Motion by Warren Ploeger to appoint Appraiser Paula Jones as the KAC Voting Delegate at the November 14, 2011 KAC Meeting. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

MOBILE VOTING

Election Officer Debbie Parker discussed tentative plans on Mobile Voting in Powhattan, Morrill and Everest starting with the August 2012 Primary Election. Mobile Voting will allow voters to vote locally during limited hours on a specified day during the week before the Election.

PUBLIC HEARING RAILROAD CROSSING CLOSING

The Public Hearing for the Railroad Crossing Closing located at 250th and Kingfisher was held with Brown County residents Ken Pyle, Jack Schaffer, Larry Weast, William Pollock, Lori Gray and Dave Pfister in attendance. Commissioner Roberts reported there are currently an estimated 25 trains a day at this crossing, with double that amount of trains in the near future. According to KDOT an estimated 10 to 12 vehicles use this crossing daily. As a safety issue, the Commission and the Railroad feel it is best to close this crossing. Those speaking in opposition were Larry Weast, Ken Pyle, Jack Schaffer and Lori Gray, who all felt that safety arms at the crossing would be a better solution.

HEALTH INSURANCE

John Matalone of Matalone Insurance presented options on the County Health Insurance. Matalone discussed premiums on 12 different insurance plans. Matalone requested a special meeting this week to present more information.

RAILROAD CROSSING CLOSURE

The Commissioners discussed the public hearing comments on the railroad crossing closing.

Motion by Steve Roberts to not close the railroad crossing at 250th and Kingfisher. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

Motion by Keith Olsen to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m. There will be a special meeting on Health Insurance this week, with the day and time to be posted.