

## **OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK**

October 17, 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 County Clerk Marla Hathhorn. Steve Roberts opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff John Merchant reported there are currently 16 inmates currently in the county jail. Various arrests were discussed.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for an 8 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, Sheriff John Merchant and Emergency Management Director Jennifer Ploeger present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 8:07 a.m. Opened 8:15 a.m. No binding action was taken.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Jennifer Ploeger, Emergency Management Director, discussed imposing a burn ban in Brown County due to the very dry weather.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to impose a burning ban in Brown County, starting immediately and going until significant rainfall has occurred. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

### **MINUTES**

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the October 10, 2011 minutes. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

### **ROAD FOREMAN**

Road Foreman Herb Roland discussed the status of the chip spreader.

### **ROAD PROJECT**

The Utility Agreements for Road project #7C-0062-01 was approved and signed for Century Link and for Westar Energy.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Jennifer Ploeger, Emergency Management, presented a letter stating that Brown County funds and supports only one Emergency Management Coordinator, with the current Coordinator being Jennifer Ploeger. The letter was approved and signed and will be sent to the appropriate authorities.

### **COURTHOUSE**

Custodian Buzz Siebenmorgen reported that Westar had removed the unnecessary utility poles from the Courthouse grounds. Also discussed were the outside Courthouse lights and the Courthouse generator.

### **HFED**

Don Nigus and Eugene Hillyer, Hiawatha Foundation for Economic Development, presented the HFED third quarter report. Nigus also discussed the MicroLoan program business recruitment and retention. Nigus reported on a possible Hiawatha Regional Rail Park/TBT (Thoroughbred Bulk Terminal) Project, which would integrate a truck-to-rail and rail-to-truck transfer facility.

### **OCCUPIED MOVEMENT**

The Commissioners reviewed an email request by Anthony Gonzales to hold a protest on the Brown County Courthouse Square by the Occupied Movement. Motion by Keith Olsen to deny the request for the protest as Brown County is a neutral government entity. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

Motion by Keith Olsen to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday October 24, 2011.