

## **OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK**

August 22, 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.

## **SHERIFF**

Sheriff John Merchant reported 21 inmates currently in the Brown County Jail. Merchant discussed the past week's arrests.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 5 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, Sheriff John Merchant and County Attorney Kevin Hill present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 8:08 a.m. Opened 8:13 a.m. No binding action was taken.

## **BURIED CABLE PERMITS**

Buried cable permit #11-05 for Century Link was approved and signed.

Buried cable permit #11-06 for Southern Star Central Gas Line Company was approved and signed.

## **MINUTES**

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the August 15, 2011 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

## **DEAN TOLLEFSON**

Brown county resident Dean Tollefson asked that prior to the 2012 Budget Hearing, the Commissioners table the resolution concerning the Services for the Elderly 2012 Budget.

## **SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY RESOLUTION #11-13**

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve Resolution #11-13, which reduces the mil levy and changes the structure for the Services for the Elderly. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

## **BUDGET HEARING 2012**

Jim Scherer, CPA, was present for the 2012 Brown County Budget Hearing. Scherer discussed the proposed 2012 Brown County Budget. Brown County residents William Pollock, Dean Tollefson, Don Nigus and Luke Pollock were also present for the public hearing.

Dean Tollefson questioned why there was a decrease in the sales tax bond and interest. Tollefson questioned the commission on the bonds. Tollefson questioned personal services and contractual services in the Direct Election budget. Tollefson questioned the Employee Benefits health insurance increase. Tollefson questioned the contractual services in the Technology Budget. Tollefson questioned the worthless check fund. Tollefson questioned the Sheriff's income fund. Tollefson offered numerous other questions. Warren Ploeger, Steve Roberts, Debbie Parker and Jim Scherer answered Tollefson's many questions. Tollefson once again objected to the Services for the Elderly Resolution.

William Pollock questioned the health insurance fund and employee wages.

Luke Pollock encouraged the Commissioners to get good value for all their expenditures.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the 2012 Brown County Budget as proposed. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

## **RAINBOW COMMUNICATIONS**

Hallee Edwards and Jason Smith, Rainbow Communications, discussed national broadband plans which will affect rural communities.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday August 29, 2011.