

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

March 7, 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 were 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 14 inmates currently in the Brown County Jail. Merchant discussed arrests and reported on possible locations for the communications tower. Merchant feels the City of Hiawatha should assist in the spirit of cooperation.

CITY OF SABETHA

Steve Roberts discussed the City of Sabetha's letter advising that Wenger Manufacturing, Inc, plans to expand one of their manufacturing facilities and is requesting a 10 year tax abatement on the new construction. The expansion is expected to create 14 new jobs over a period of 2 years.

MINUTES

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the February 28, 2011 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

TREASURER

The Commissioners decided that the State requested \$3,000 shredder was not necessary as long as the current shredder was working properly. Treasurer Cheryl Lippold said her opinion was that a quality shredder would last longer. The office is currently trying the shredder on a trial basis but the shredder will now be returned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Steve Roberts for a 20 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn present. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Closed 8:39 a.m. Opened 8:54 a.m. No binding action was taken.

TAX CHANGE ORDERS

Tax change orders #2010-70 through #2010-74 and #2010-77 were approved and signed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 5 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn present. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Closed 9:24 a.m. Opened 9:29 a.m. No binding action was taken.

TRUCK BID OPENING

Bids for a 2011 F-150 ½ ton truck for the Road & Bridge Department were as follows: Hiawatha Ford Mercury with a bid of \$19,723; and Aberle Ford with a bid of \$20,100.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept Hiawatha Ford Mercury bid of \$19,723. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Road Foreman Herb Roland was present for the bid opening.

Motion by Keith Olsen to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday March 14, 2011.