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The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Steve Roberts, Warren Ploeger and Glen Leitch. 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.

BRIDGE FOREMAN

Bridge Foreman Darrin Matthias discussed projects for this week.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker reported on a combined grant received by the Sheriff's Department and Kickapoo Tribe. The grant will pay for equipment including motion-activated covert cameras. Shoemaker is gathering bids and information to replace a department truck and a car.

LIGHTHOUSE HOSPICE

Commissioner Roberts reported that he had spoke with the Lighthouse Hospice Director Charlie Jones in regards to speed limits on the road south of the Hospice. Roberts reported that the County will wait on making any decision until the Hiawatha City annexation is completed.

COUNTY DEPARMENT HEADS/ELECTION OFFICIALS

Appraiser Tom Brown, Computer Director Sandy Carter, Treasurer Cheryl Lippold, Register of Deeds Nellie Brockhoff and County Clerk Debbie Parker were present at Commissioner Ploeger's request for a discussion on setting a consistent policy on requested public information. Appraiser Tom Brown stated that three years ago a policy had been established that government entities are not charged but private contractors are charged for thirty cents a page for copies and research fees are \$10 per hour. Commissioner Roberts recommended that the Offices look at raising the research fees. The Department Heads/Elected Officials will meet at a later time to discuss raising the research fees.

TOWN & COUNTRY AMBULANCE

Town & Country Ambulance owner Jim Reigle reported on the purchase of three cardiac monitors at a total cost of \$25,575.00. Reigle requested that the County extend the current lease on the ambulances to cover the cost of the monitors.

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the purchase of the monitors and extend the current lease. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. County Attorney Kevin Hill will be contacted to draw the amortization contract.

MINUTES

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the January 7, 2008 minutes. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

COMPUTER

Computer Director Sandy Carter presented bids on the purchase of two printers for the Treasurer's Office. Insight's bid was for \$4,429.92 and CDWG's bid was for \$4,657.94.

Motion by Warren Ploeger, on the recommendation of Computer Director Sandy Carter, to accept the \$4,657.94 bid of CDWG. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

TAX CHANGE ORDERS

Tax change orders #07-46 through #07-52 were approved and signed.

RESOLUTION 08-04

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve Resolution #08-04, which approves the Brown County 2008 Personnel Policy. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

CD BID OPENING

Treasurer Cheryl Lippold was present for the bid opening of a \$100,000.00 CD currently held by Morrill & Janes Bank. The bids were as follows: Hiawatha National Bank with a bid of 4.03%; and Morrill & Janes Bank with a bid of 4.63%. Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the bid of Morrill & Janes's bid of 4.63%. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

CITY OF HIAWATHA ZONING

City of Hiawatha Zoning Director Malcolm Grier presented the new municipal code for Hiawatha City concerning animals control and regulation. Grier was questioned on the proposed annexation of nineteen acres south of Hiawatha. City Administrator Lynn Ladner was also present for the discussion.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m. The next meeting will be held Tuesday January 22, 2008, due to the Martin Luther King Holiday.