

## **OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK**

August 23, 2010

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Warren Ploeger, Steve Roberts 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. Warren Ploeger opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

### **BG CONSULTANTS**

Tom Bennett, BG Consultants, discussed the Sycamore Springs bridge project.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to sign the Articles of Agreement with BG Consultants on Project #7C-0072-01. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff John Merchant reported 23 inmates currently in the Brown County Jail. Merchant invited the Commissioners and the public to the Jail Open House on September 11, 2010.

### **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Venice Sloan, Community Corrections Director, presented Community Corrections paperwork for signatures.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 5 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners and Sheriff John Merchant present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 8:18 a.m. Opened 8:23 a.m. No binding action was taken.

### **MINUTES**

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the August 16, 2010 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

### **ROAD FOREMEN**

Road Foremen Herb Roland and Richard Geiger discussed road projects.

### **TUBAFEST**

Gerald Speidel requested use of the Courthouse lobby on December 18, 2010 for the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Tubafest.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the Tubafest request. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

### **2011 BUDGET HEARING**

Jim Scherer, CPA, was present for the 2011 Brown County Budget hearing. The assessed valuation for Brown County has increased this year due to the new pipeline. The 2011 budget is 1 mil less than the 2010 budget. William Pollock questioned increases in the levy from 2008 to 2011. Pollock also pointed out an error in the published 2010 Budget estimates. Dean Tollefson stated his opinions on the closing of the armories by the State of Kansas, the Nation's future, Red China, and Brown County's mil levy. Marianne Schmitt expressed the Hiawatha Foundation Economic Development's thanks for the increase in the HFED Budget.

Scherer will return later in the meeting for approval of the 2011 Budget.

### **ROAD REQUEST**

Deputy Doug Brammer, Cartographer Teresa Clements, and Matt Hawks of Casino White Cloud requested an address change for the Casino White Cloud to 777 Jackpot Drive as their 911 address location. The address is currently being used for all other casino business. Customers have not been able to locate the casino as GPS devices use 911 addresses.

Brammer discussed the possible cost in changing the address; Hawks stated the casino will pay those costs.

Motion made by Keith Olsen to change the 911 address of Casino White Cloud to 777 Jackpot Drive. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

### **LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Deputy Doug Brammer presented a letter of support for the 911 grant application for the Wireless Enhanced 911 Grant. The letter of support was signed as requested.

### **TREANOR ARCHITECTS**

Tim Cummins, Treanor Architects, Greg Hellbusch and Nick Lawton, Straub Construction, presented an update on the jail construction. Hellbusch stated that the conduit and lighting fixtures will be completed by the end of the week. Gravel on the roof will be completed this week, barring inclement weather. Brammer reported the Huber & Associates bid for the server installation had risen from \$2,000 to an estimated \$7,500 due to needed upgrades. Sheriff John Merchant, Deputy Doug Brammer, Deputy Brett Hollister and PBC Chairman Steve Davies were also present.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the estimated \$7,500 bid of Huber & Associates. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the approximately \$13,000 jail signage bid by the Kansas Department of Corrections. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the Loomis Bros Equipment Company bid of \$18,280 for the purchase/installation of one washer and two dryers for the jail. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren Ploeger for the purchase of two laundry/medication carts from ICS Jail Supplies at a cost of \$217 each. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

### **2011 BUDGET**

CPA Jim Scherrer returned with the corrected 2010 Budget figures, which caused no changes to the 2011 Budget.

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve Resolution #10-15, which expresses the property taxation policy of Brown County. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the 2011 Brown County Budget. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

### **FOLEY EQUIPMENT**

Bill Collins, Foley Equipment, discussed road equipment.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m. The next meeting will be held Tuesday August 31, 2010, to approve the month end bills.