

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

July 26, 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 Hathorn. Warren Ploeger opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported 26 inmates currently in the Brown County Jail. Merchant discussed an attempted shed break-in at Morrill. Deputy Doug Brammer and Ernie Miller of Midwest Mobile presented three options for a communication tower for the Jail Dispatch. This would allow a single tower to cover the entire county. Merchant stated that the new tower is a necessity.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 5 minute Executive Session with the three Commissioners, Sheriff John Merchant and Deputy Doug Brammer present. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Closed 8:30 a.m. Opened 8:35 a.m.

SHERIFF BUDGET

Sheriff John Merchant explained the Sheriff's 2011 budget increase request. Merchant would like to purchase a van for inmate transport.

MINUTES

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the July 19, 2010 minutes. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Sheila Schwalm, Hiawatha Foundation for Economic Development, presented the Brown County Strategic Plan. The summary assessment was signed by the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 10 minute Executive Session on confidential data with the three Commissioners and Sheila Schwalm of HFED present. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Closed 9:42 a.m. Opened 9:52 a.m.

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the Microloan application of Steven Gilpin in the amount of \$9,500 for a new business in Hiawatha. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

TREANOR ARCHITECTS

Andy Pitts and Tim Cummins, Treanor Architects, and Greg Hellbusch and Nick Lawton, Straub Construction, discussed security issues and concrete finishing. The completion date is still set at August 27, 2010. Brammer discussed desktops and the server with Brammer recommending Huber & Associates.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the Huber & Associates bid of \$61,212.16 for 15 computers and the server. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

Also present were Jail Overseer John McClain, Sheriff John Merchant Deputy Doug Brammer and Deputy Brett Hollister.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Venice Sloan, Community Corrections, requested the Commissioner's consider raises for Community Corrections.

2011 BUDGET

The Commissioners reviewed options for the 2011 Brown County Budget.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m. The next meeting will be held Friday, July 30, 2010, to approve the month end bills.