

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

January 4, 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. Warren Ploeger opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported 19 inmates currently in the Brown County Jail. Merchant discussed various DUI and drug arrests during the last week. Merchant thanked the residents of Brown County for their cooperation in the reporting of suspicious activities during 2009.

Merchant discussed the dispatch capabilities of Brown County and Horton City.

MINUTES

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the December 31, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried, with Steve Roberts abstaining from the vote as he was absent for most of the December 31 meeting.

RESOLUTION #10-01

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept Resolution #10-01, which re-appoints Dr Byron Bigham to another four year term, as District Coroner for the 22nd Judicial District. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

NEK MULTI-COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Motion by Warren Ploeger to appoint Dr. Lowell R. Searight to the NEK Multi-County Board of Health. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

DISASTER PROCLAMTION

The KDEM (Kansas Division of Emergency Management) has issued a disaster proclamation declaring Brown County a disaster due to the Christmas blizzard. Brown County is to gather damage estimates for emergency debris removal, treating roads, snow removal and other emergency related items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 10 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, County Attorney Kevin Hill, County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn present. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Closed 8:42 a.m. Opened 8:49 a.m. No binding action was taken.

STEVE ROBERTS

Steve Roberts left the meeting at 8:50 a.m. to travel to Kansas City to pick up the newly purchased District 1 truck.

VIRGIL HEINEN

Keith Olsen reported that he had spoke with Washington Township in regards to Virgil Heinen's recent complaint to the Commissioners. Washington Township has agreed to haul the rock to the road for Heinen, if he and adjacent landowners agree to pay for the rock.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Management Director Jennifer Ploeger discussed the KDEM disaster proclamation. The Commissioners will direct their Road Foremen to gather the damage estimates.

TREANOR ARCHITECTS

A conference call was made to Nick Lawton, Straub Construction, for an update on the jail construction. The call was cut short as no progress has been made in the last week due to the Christmas blizzard and bitterly cold weather.

Motion by Keith Olsen to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday January 11, 2010.