

**OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK**

March 15, 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.

**PAYROLL**

The March 10, 2010 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$49,066.79
Road & Bridge	11,661.45
Election	1,245.77
Appraiser	4,698.46
Noxious Weed	1,167.00
911	57.75
ACC	6,020.32
JJCR	7,619.24
JJPR	1,363.29
Services for Elderly	2,968.12
Solid Waste	2,949.57
Court Trustee	8,921.16
Sp MVT	1,040.00
Employee Ben FICA	5,440.79
Employee Ben KPERS	5,141.84
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-540.47
Insurance	-2,431.08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$106,390.00</b>

**SHERIFF**

Sheriff John Merchant reported 16 inmates currently in the Brown County Jail. Merchant discussed recent arrests and investigations.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Community Corrections Director Venice Sloan presented information on juveniles services.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Emergency Management Jennifer Ploeger reported that Brown County was included in the Emergency Disaster Declaration for the State of Kansas. The dollar amount if any that Brown County will receive has not been determined.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 10 minute Executive Session on attorney-client privilege 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 8:28 a.m. Opened 8:35 a.m. A bill for \$6,000 had been received from Hiawatha City for damage done to a power line during the new jail construction. After an explanation from the City, the bill will be paid by the County.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 5 minute Executive Session on pending litigation 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 8:39 a.m. Opened 8:44 a.m. No binding action was taken.

**LAKOTA TRAIL**

Steve Roberts requested County Attorney Kevin Hill to inform the Hiawatha Township Board that Lakota Trail is a platted and accepted township road and thus Hiawatha Township is responsible for the upkeep of the road. Hiawatha Township will receive a bill for rock which Brown County recently hauled to Lakota Road.

**DISTRICT COURT**

Judge James Patton, 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court, reported that the District Court is scheduled to be closed on the following Fridays: April 9, 16, 23 and May 7 due to state budget restraints.

**NEK ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

Dennis Foster, NEK Environmental Services, presented the 2009 Activities Report. Well Inspections, Well water screenings and wastewater management was discussed. Foster is requesting \$10,000 from each of the five Counties in the NEK regional district.  
Motion by Warren Ploeger to grant the \$10,000 request to NEK Environmental Services. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

**BG CONSULTANTS**

Tom Bennett, BG Consultants, discussed the Brown County Five Year Bridge Plan. Bennett reported on the bridge work requested by Brown County citizen Glenn Hennigan, saying that there was no all weather road accessing the bridge. Bridge #OS 84 will be added to the five year plan.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the March 8, 2010 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

**TAX CHANGE ORDER**

Tax change order #2009-121 was approved and signed.

**HIAWATHA CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

A letter from the Hiawatha City Chamber of Commerce requested use of the Courthouse lawn for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 3, 2010.

Motion by Steve Roberts to grant the Easter Egg Hunt request. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

**PAYROLL REQUIREMENTS**

Motion by Keith Olsen that every Brown County employee will be required to clock in and out of the new payroll system.

Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

**CELL PHONE POLICY**

Motion by Keith Olsen to pay each employee, who is required to use a cell phone for County purposes, a stipend of \$40 a month effective May 1, 2010. The stipend will be paid instead of providing the employee with a county cell phone.

Seconded by Steve Roberts. Voting Aye were Roberts and Olsen. Voting Nay was Ploeger. Motion carried.

**TOWNSHIP REPORTS**

The Annual Township Reports were reviewed by each Commissioner for the Townships that lie within their District.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the annual Township reports. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

**TREANOR ARCHITECTS**

Tim Cummins and Audrie Wenger, Treanor Architects, and Greg Hellbusch and Nick Lawton, Straub Construction, presented a progress report on the jail construction with a double work force starting this week. A change order was presented for the January weather days. Wenger discussed the furniture options. Sheriff John Merchant, Deputies Brett Hollister and Doug Brammer and Jail Overseer John McClain were also present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 10 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, Head Custodian Buzz Siebenmorgen, County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn present.

Seconded by Keith Olsen. Closed 11:02 a.m. Opened 11:12 a.m. No binding action was taken.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday March 22, 2010.