

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

March 1, 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.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported 16 inmates currently at the Brown County Jail. Merchant discussed various arrests and investigations during the past week.

RESOLUTION #10-11

Undersheriff Mickey Gruber presented Resolution #10-11, which dedicates the new Brown County Law Enforcement Center to Brown County Deputy Todd Michael Widman who was tragically killed in the line of duty on March 1, 2000. Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept Resolution #10-11. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

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 8:14 a.m. Opened 8:24 a.m. No binding action was taken.

MINUTES

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the February 26, 2010 minutes. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

TAX CHANGE ORDERS

Tax change orders #2009-107 through #2009-116 were approved and signed.

BG CONSULTANTS

Tom Bennett, BG Consultants, was present for the 5 Year Bridge Plan Hearing. Brown County resident Glenn Hennigan requested that Bridge OS#122 be added to the 5 Year Bridge Plan. Bennett estimated that the cost of the bridge would be over \$300,000.

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Tom Bennett, BG Consultants, was present for the bid letting of Bridge #OS-40, the Nebraska/Kansas State Line Bridge. The Engineer's estimate was for \$423,144. Bids were as follows: Ebert Construction of Wamego, Kansas with a bid of \$379,742.75; and Midwest Construction of Holton, Kansas with a bid of \$333,833.83.

Motion by Steve Roberts to accept the Midwest Construction bid of \$333,833.83. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

TELEPHONE SERVICE

Sheriff John Merchant was present for a discussion on telephone service and per diems. The Commissioners suggested a per diem to be paid to each employee required to have a cell phone for the job. Merchant will speak with County Attorney Kevin Hill as to the legalities of the matter.

TREANOR ARCHITECTS

Andy Pitts and Tim Cummins, Treanor Architects, and Greg Hellbusch and Nick Lawton, Straub Construction, presented a progress report on the jail construction. Hellbusch discussed the sequence of operations and reported no pending changes. Sheriff John Merchant, Deputy Stan Enyart and Jail Overseer John McClain were also present.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to adjourn. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday March 8, 2010.