

**OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK**

January 19, 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.

**PAYROLL**

The January 13, 2010 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$50,283.43
Road & Bridge	19,813.75
Election	1,245.77
Appraiser	4,698.46
Noxious Weed	1,191.50
Diversion	579.50
ACC	5,900.15
JJCR	7,597.15
JJPR	1,346.78
Services for Elderly	2,231.50
Solid Waste	2,746.79
Court Trustee	4,176.76
Special MVT	1,040.00
Employee Ben FICA	6,137.69
Employee Ben KPERS	5,831.15
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-407.31
Insurance	-2,414.86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$111,998.21</b>

**SHERIFF**

Sheriff John Merchant reported 23 inmates currently at the Brown County Jail. No arrests were reported. Merchant discussed a defensive tactics training class in Hiawatha on January 16. The class was provided free of charge by the United States Deputy Sheriffs Association.

**LUKE POLLOCK**

Luke Pollock, Powhattan Fire Chief, discussed his continuing concern about the 911 system in regards to the connection between Brown County Dispatch and the Powhattan Township Fire Department. Pollock reported there will be dual response and coverage for Powhattan Township due to agreements with Walnut Township and Horton City. Merchant reported that an upgrade to the 911 Dispatch was now in place.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 5 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the Sheriff and the three Commissioners present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 8:30 a.m. Opened 8:35 a.m. No binding action was taken.

**RESOLUTION #10-09**

Emergency Management Director Jennifer Ploeger presented Resolution #10-09, which declared a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Brown County due to the extreme winter storms from December 21, 2009 through January 15, 2010. Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the resolution. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #10-10**

Emergency Management Director Jennifer Ploeger presented Resolution #10-10, which approves the Brown County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the resolution. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

**CD BID OPENING**

Treasurer Cheryl Lippold was present for the CD bid opening of a \$100,000 CD, currently held at United Bank of Kansas. Bids were as follows: Morrill & Janes Bank with a bid of 1.20%; United Bank of Kansas with a bid of 1.40%. Motion by Steve Roberts to accept the United Bank of Kansas bid. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the January 11, 2010 minutes. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

**BCDS LETTER OF SUPPORT**

The Commissioners signed a letter of support for BCDS (Brown County Developmental Services) in regards to BCDS applying for a Kansas Department of Transportation grant.

**PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENTS**

Two amendments to the 2010 Brown County Personnel Policy were presented. The amendments are as follows:  
#1—At the recommendation of the auditors, employees who are instrumental in receipting in revenue are required to take five consecutive days off each year.  
#2—Each department is required to make daily deposits to the County Treasurer’s Office for monies receipted each day. Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the amendments. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

**TERESA CLEMENTS**

The Commissioners authorized Teresa Clements, Cartographer, to update the Emergency Responders maps. The hours required for this update will be paid from the 911 fund.

**DEAN TOLLEFSON**

Dean Tollefson, Brown County resident, thanked the Commissioners for the Resolution requesting that the National Guard Armories in northeast Kansas remain open.

**TREANOR ARCHITECTS**

Andy Pitts, Treanor Architects, and Greg Hellbusch and Nick Lawton, Straub Construction, presented an update on the jail construction. Hellbusch reported that slow progress has been made during December and January due to severe weather. Snow removal from the construction site has started. Completion date is now estimated at June 16, 2010. Overseer John McClain and Sheriff John Merchant were also present for the update.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 5 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the Sheriff and the three Commissioners present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 11:16 a.m. Opened 11:21 a.m. No binding action was taken.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday January 25, 2010.