

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

February 8, 2010

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: 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.

NOXIOUS WEED

Noxious Weed Director George Bruning reviewed the annual Noxious Weed report. The report was approved and signed.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported 22 inmates currently in the Brown County Jail. Merchant thanked County residents for their assistance to other motorists during the Friday snowstorm. Many slide-offs and non-injury accidents occurred at that time. Steve Roberts questioned the many trips made by the Sheriff's Department to bring out-of-county inmates to and from their District Court appearances. District Court Judge James Patton was present and reported that he is looking into a solution for this problem. Patton says using a video camera with a live feed between the two locations would reduce the Sheriff's Departments transfer trips and expenses.

DISTRICT COURT

District Court Judge James Patton announced the District Court's six weeks of furloughs required by the State of Kansas have been cancelled at this time.

DISTRICT ONE TRUCK

Steve Roberts reported a District 1 truck slide-off accident last Wednesday. Repairs to the 2002 Ford are estimated at \$4035.53.

MINUTES

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the February 1, 2010 minutes. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

KANZA

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the appointment of TJ Wilson to the KANZA Mental Health Board.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Sheriff Dispatcher Doug Brammer reported a problem with the bid specifications on the proposed aerial photography of Brown County. Brammer was asked to have both companies re-bid the proposal.

BURIED CABLE PERMIT

Buried cable permit #10-02 for Centurylink was approved and signed.

TAX CHANGE ORDERS

Tax change orders #09-79 through #09-87, #09-89 through #09-92, and #09-94 through #09-101 were approved and signed.

CLOCK TOWER BUILDING

Jim Bush, Citizens Bank Administrator of the Frances Sewell Plamann Charitable Trust, discussed the renovation of the Clock Tower Building in Hiawatha. Bush believes the building will be the focal point of the community. Bush requested a waiver of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan start date so that the Building can be added to the Plan. Appraiser Paula Jones was also present. The Commissioners will review the request with the County Attorney and County Appraiser.

JERRY LINDSTROM

Jerry Lindstrom, Brown County resident, explained the problems met in the construction of his house, which was approved for the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan in 2007. According to the plan, Lindstrom had until January 1, 2009 to have the house completed. The house was not completed by that date but it is now finished. Lindstrom is requesting an extension now to allow the house to be on the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Appraiser Paula Jones was also present. The Commissioners will review the request before making a decision.

Lindstrom also expressed concern about the poor condition of Lakota Road, in Hiawatha Township. The Commissioners suggested that Lindstrom contact the Hiawatha Township officers and attend the Township meeting.

PAYROLL SYSTEM

County Clerk Debbie Parker has proposed a new payroll system to replace the current system which has caused constant problems. The Commissioners requested a demonstration of the proposed program, which department heads and elected officials will be invited to attend.

HAY GROUND BID

The landfill hay ground bids were as follows: Tom Mathewson with a bid of \$885.72; Allen Meyer with a bid of \$750.20. Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the Tom Mathewson bid of \$885.72. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 20 minute Executive Session on pending litigation with the three Commissioners, County Attorney Kevin Hill and County Clerk Debbie Parker present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 10:10 a.m. Opened 10:30 a.m. No binding action was taken.

WESTFALL MAC EQUIPMENT

Dick Goss, Westfall Mac Equipment, presented information on equipment and trucks.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

County Attorney Kevin Hill and Appraiser Paula Jones discussed the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan requests by Jim Bush and Jerry Lindstrom. The two requests will be voted on in the Commission meeting next week.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m. The next meeting will be held Tuesday February 16, 2010, due to the Presidents Day Holiday.