

February 9, 2009

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 17 inmates currently at the Brown County Jail, with 1 from Johnson County. Merchant also reported on several accidents and arrests occurring during the past week. Merchant reported that the State Fire Marshall had concerns regarding the present jail. Merchant has asked him for leeway as the new jail will be built by next year.

Merchant requested the Commissioners signature on a Purchase Order to Tacnologies LTD for \$3,590.00, to be paid out of the Sheriff Drug Forfeiture funds.

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the purchase from Tacnologies LTD. Seconded by Keith Olsen.

Motion carried.

Merchant also presented bids on two 2009 Ford Crown Victorias from Stan Boos Auto for \$22,770 per vehicle and Rusty Eck Ford for \$21,479.00 per vehicle.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the lower bid of Rusty Eck Ford of Wichita. The motion died for the lack of a second.

Motion by Steve Roberts to accept the local Stan Boos Auto Bid. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried, with Steve Roberts and Keith Olsen voting yea and Warren Ploeger voting nay.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Steve Roberts for a 15 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, Sheriff John Merchant, Deputy Doug Brammer, County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 8:30 a.m. Opened 8:45 a.m. No binding action was taken.

TEXT MESSAGING

Deputy Doug Brammer reported on text messaging and dispatch.

ROAD FOREMEN

Road Foremen Herb Roland and Richard Geiger discussed upcoming road tube bids.

CD BID OPENING

Treasurer Cheryl Lippold was present for the interest bearing checking account for the jail bonds. Bids were as follows: Morrill & Janes Bank with a bid of 1.60% on a fixed interest rate; United Bank of Kansas with a bid of 1.25%.

Motion by Steve Roberts to accept the Morrill & Janes bid of 1.60%. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

Gerri Wybo-Vopata, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, presented the Big Brothers/Big Sisters annual update.

TRUCK BIDS

District 3 Truck Bids, as requested by Commissioner Ploeger for a over the road tractor semi, were opened. Bids were as follows: Midway Sterling with a bid of \$60,930.00 on a 2009 Sterling; Midway Sterling with a bid of \$59,000 on a 2007 Sterling; KC Freightliner with a bid of \$79,658 on a 2008 Freightliner; KC Freightliner with a bid of \$39,000 on a 2004 Freightliner; KC Freightliner with a bid of \$58,950 on a 2006 Mack.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the Midway Sterling bid of \$60,930.00 on the 2009 Sterling. Second by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

KANZA

David Elsbury, KANZA, reported that KANZA has closed their Alcohol and Drug Services program as of March 31, 2009, due to financial problems. Elsbury also discussed problems caused by State funding cuts. Elsbury requested that Brown County's funding to KANZA not be reduced.

ROAD FOREMAN

Road Foreman Jack Blanton reviewed the truck bids for District 3.

NEK AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the payment to NEK Area Agency on Aging of \$1,516.00. Seconded by Keith Olsen, Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Steve Roberts for a 15 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn present. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Closed 10:25 a.m. Opened 10:39 a.m. No binding action was taken.

TAX CHANGE ORDERS

Tax change orders #08-74 and #08-75 were approved and signed.

BURIED CABLE PERMIT

Buried cable permit 09-02 for Rainbow Communications was approved and signed.

COMPUTER

Sandy Carter, Computer Director, reported on recent updates to the County computer system. Wiring and computers have been added to the new County Attorney's office. Problems were found and corrected in the Appraiser's Office wiring.

TAX SALE

County Attorney Kevin Hill announced plans for a Tax Sale on the last Thursday in April.

CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE

Motion by Steve Roberts to accept the Cereal Malt Beverage License in Powhattan Township for the old Kickapoo Truckstop. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the January 30, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the February 2, 2009 minutes, when there was no meeting held due to a lack of quorum. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

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 Tuesday February 17, 2009 due to the Presidents Day Holiday.