

## **February 17, 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 was Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn. County Attorney Hill was present for a portion of the meeting. Warren Ploeger opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

The February 11, 2009 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$47,151.08
Road & Bridge	12,723.75
Election	1,245.77
Appraiser	4,698.46
Noxious Weed	1,134.00
ACC	7,446.79
JJCR	7,293.33
JJPR	1,354.88
Services for Elderly	2,979.25
Solid Waste	2,677.50
Court Trustee	8,664.45
Special MVT	207.85
Employee Ben FICA	5,294.61
Employee Ben KPERS	4,014.86
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-518.35
Insurance	-2,319.73
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$104,048.50</b>

### **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

Curtis Buser presented an update on his Eagle Scout project. Buser's project is to identify and put signage on the trees on the Brown County Courthouse grounds. Buser hopes to have the project completed before June of 2009.

### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

County Attorney Kevin Hill presented information on the new jail construction project.

### **EXPRESS ELEVATOR COMPANY**

County Attorney Kevin Hill reviewed the approved changes to the Express Elevator Company elevator contract.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the one year monthly maintenance elevator contract with Express Elevator Company. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

### **BLUE BUILDING UPDATE**

Horton City Administrator Jim Whisenant presented an update on the Blue Building construction in Horton. Whisenant reported on the KanStep 60/40 Grant. Construction of the pad has caused problems. Whisenant requested assistance from Brown County with the dirt hauling and loading. The request was granted with trucks from all three Brown County Road Districts assisting, starting possibly during the week of February 23.

### **HIAWATHA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

Alvin Legler, Hiawatha Amateur Radio Club, reported the need of another radio for the Club. The Commissioners will contact Emergency Management Director Jennifer Ploeger with the possibility of procuring a radio for the Club from Homeland Assistance.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the \$300.00 yearly appropriation to the Hiawatha Amateur Radio Club. 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 and County Attorney Kevin Hill present. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Closed 8:58 a.m. Opened 9:08 a.m. No binding action was taken.

**TAX CHANGE ORDER**

Tax change order #08-76 was approved and signed.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the February 9, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

**ROAD FOREMAN**

Road Foreman Darrin Matthias was informed that the Bridge Department was being eliminated due to budgetary constraints, with the Foreman position being eliminated effective immediately. Matthias was given two weeks severance pay. The one remaining bridge employee will be reassigned as a rover for all three Road Districts.

**COURTHOUSE DOORS**

Custodian Buzz Siebenmorgen informed the Commissioners that he has received requests to purchase the old Courthouse doors. Siebenmorgen was instructed to contact Jim Hill's Glass in regards to how the contract handles the door disposal.

Motion by Keith Olsen to adjourn. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday February 23, 2009.