

February 23, 2009

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Warren Ploeger, Steve Roberts and Keith Olsen. Also present was 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 discussed payroll issues. Merchant reported 16 inmates currently at the Brown County Jail. Several non-injury accidents were reported over the weekend. Cell phone service was discussed, with phone stipends still being an option at this time.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Kevin Hill discussed changes made to Cobraguard insurance for former employees.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Motion by Keith Olsen to move Road Employee Terry Siebenmorgen and all equipment associated with the disbanded Bridge Department to District 1 since it is centrally located within the County. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

ROAD FOREMAN

Road Foreman Herb Roland discussed road projects for the upcoming week.

APPRAISER

Appraiser Paula Jones requested and was granted, by the State Property Valuation Department, an extension on mailing the property evaluations for this year. The evaluations must now be mailed on or before April 1, 2009.

MINUTES

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the February 17, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

1997 FORD TRUCK TRANSFER

Motion by Steve Roberts to make the 1997 Ford tractor truck currently owned by District 3, to now be owned by all three road districts on a 30/30/40 share for Districts 1, 2 and 3 respectively, with the monies transferred as follows: \$4,500.00 from District 1 Special Machinery; \$4,500.00 from District 2 Special Machinery; and \$6,000.00 from District 3 Road funds. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. A Journal Entry will be made to transfer the monies.

BG CONSULTANTS

Tom Bennett, BG Consultants, discussed old US 36 Highway east of Hiawatha. Bennett reported that the Stimulus Funds that trickle down to this area will not be a great amount. According to Bennett, the matching of funds will affect which projects are chosen. Leroy Koehn, KDOT, was also present for the discussion.

HAY BID OPENING

Hay bids for the Transfer Station's 22 acres of hay ground for 2009 were as follows: Tom Mathewson with a bid of \$805; Gordon Knudson with a bid of \$810; Allen Meyer with a bid of \$704; and Jim Siebenmorgen with a bid of \$836. Motion by Steve Roberts to accept Jim Siebenmorgen's bid of \$836. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

RDA

Nancy Gafford, Rural Development Association, presented the Microloan semi-annual report.

TAX CHANGE ORDERS

Tax change orders #08-77 through #08-96 were approved and signed.

BURIED CABLE PERMIT

Buried cable permit #09-03 for Rainbow was approved and signed.

AUDITOR

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve and sign the agreement with the firm of Lowenthal, Singleton, Webb & Wilson for the 2008 Brown County audit. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting will be held Friday February 27, 2009, to approve the February month end bills.