

March 2, 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.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported 15 inmates currently at the Brown County Jail, with one from Johnson County. A new contract will charge Johnson County \$40 per day for each inmate. The current charge is \$35.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 10 minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, Sheriff Merchant and County Clerk Debbie Parker present. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 8:06 a.m. Opened at 8:16 a.m. No binding action was taken.

MINUTES

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the February 27, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

APPRAISER

Appraiser Paula Jones reported that the Appraiser pickup needs repairs. Jones requested permission to repair the pickup and transfer monies within the Appraiser funds as needed for the repairs. The Commissioners granted the request.

TAX CHANGE ORDERS

Tax change orders #08-99 through #08-106 were approved and signed.

TUBE BID OPENING

Bids for the tube bid opening were as follows: Welborn Sales with a bid of \$30,097.00; Husker Steele with a bid of \$37,379.00; DC Wholesale with a bid of \$31,122.60; Metal Culvert with a bid of \$31,211.28; and Midwest Service & Sales with a bid of \$37,807.86.

Motion by Steve Roberts to accept the Welborn Sales bid of \$30,097.00. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

BG CONSULTANTS

Tom Bennett, BG Consultants, presented the Stimulus Funds application form. Total cost of the Old Highway 36 project would be \$1,569,680.00, with Brown County paying \$470,904 of the project. The project is for the repair and overlay of Old 36 Highway from Hiawatha to the Doniphan County line. Motion by Keith Olsen to submit the Old Highway 36 Project for the Stimulus Funds. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

SALVAGE HOUSE BID

Bids on salvaging the house on Lot 108, where the new jail is being built, were to be opened, but no bids were received.

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Ernie Iverson and Sam Schuetz, Veterans of Foreign Wars, requested permission to use the Courthouse grounds for a flag retirement ceremony on June 13, 2009. Every Legion Post in Brown County would participate in the ceremony, with all cemeteries and individuals in Brown County invited to dispose of their old or damaged flags.

Motion by Keith Olsen to grant permission to hold the ceremony. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

NEKCAP HOMELESS GRANT

Deb Ellis, NEKCAP, presented the Homeless Grant paper work for the Commissioner's signatures. The three County area of Doniphan, Brown and Nemaha received a total of \$320,000.00.

GLEN LEITCH

Glen Leitch, former Brown County Commissioner, requested that his Medicare insurance be paid for the time when he was a Commissioner. Leitch requested \$120.00 per month for the 35 months he paid for his own insurance. The Commissioners will review the matter with County Attorney Kevin Hill.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m. There will be an informational jail meeting on Wednesday March 4, 2009 at 9 a.m. with the jail architects. The next meeting will be held Monday March 9, 2009.