

March 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 that there were currently seventeen inmates at the Brown County Jail, with one from Johnson County. Merchant also reported on various arrests and accidents during the past week.

MINUTES

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the March 2, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

ROAD FOREMAN

Foreman Herb Roland discussed road projects for the week.

ANNUAL TOWNSHIP REPORTS

The three Commissioners each reviewed the Annual Township Reports of their individual districts.

TAX CHANGE ORDERS

Tax change orders #08-107 through #08-109 were approved and signed.

CHEMICAL BID OPENING

The following Noxious Weed chemical bids for Amine 24-D were received and opened. The bids were as follows: Advance Agronomics with a bid of \$24,388.50; Morrill Elevator with a bid of \$26,544.00; and Ag Partners with a bid of \$24,972.00.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the Advance Agronomics' bid of \$24,388.50. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY LIGHTS

County Attorney Kevin Hill presented a rough draft of an application for emergency lights. Emergency Management Director Jennifer Ploeger will review the draft before the application is finalized.

A request by a former Commissioner to reimburse him for his insurance premium was discussed. Hill stated that the County offers insurance and according to the County Auditor, employees cannot be reimbursed for these premiums.

US HIGHWAY 36 PROJECT

Brown County resident Bill Pollock questioned Brown County's Stimulus grant request for the proposed US Highway 36 Project east of Hiawatha. Pollock stated that he hoped Brown County would not receive the grant and thought it would be cheaper to take care of the old highway if the highway was returned to gravel.

KEYSTONE PIPELINE

Keystone Pipeline Representative Tommy Darnell reported a valve site would be located in Brown County in Road District 2 near the Transfer Station. Darnell stated that the Pipeline may need the option to open cut on 3 roads in Brown County. Darnell presented an update on the pipeline with the pipeline probably entering Brown County in July of 2009.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday March 16, 2009.