

## **March 16, 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.

Warren Ploeger opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

### **PAYROLL**

The March 11, 2009 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$46,943.08
Road & Bridge	13,451.05
Election	1,245.77
Appraiser	4,698.46
Noxious Weed	756.00
ACC	7,485.34
JJCR	7,311.70
JJPR	1,349.50
Services for Elderly	3,021.94
Solid Waste	3,024.00
Court Trustee	7,427.50
Special MVT	1,040.00
Employee Ben FICA	5,400.71
Employee Ben KPERS	4,021.02
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-519.19
Insurance	-2,318.46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$104,338.42</b>

### **NOXIOUS WEED**

Noxious Weed Director George Bruning reported that Morrill City is having a cleanup day in the first part of May. Bruning will have the Household Hazardous Waste trailer at Morrill on that day.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff John Merchant reported there are 21 inmates at the Brown County Jail. Merchant also discussed a two week long specialized training in Atchison, which will be attended by either Merchant or Undersheriff Gruber.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 15 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners and Sheriff John Merchant present. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Closed 8:08 a.m. Opened 8:23 a.m. No binding action was taken.

### **ROAD FOREMAN**

Road Foreman Herb Roland reported on road projects for the upcoming week.

### **BURIED CABLE PERMIT**

Buried cable permit #09-04 for Embarq was approved and signed.

### **TAX CHANGE ORDERS**

Tax change orders #08-110 through #08-114 were approved and signed.

### **MINUTES**

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Steve Roberts for a 10 minute Executive Session on potential litigation with the three Commissioners, County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Closed 8:47 a.m. Opened 8:55 a.m. No binding action was taken.

#### **NEKS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

Dennis Foster, NEKS Environmental Services, reported on the 2008 activities of the NEKS Environmental services. Foster is requesting \$10,000 from Brown County on behalf of the agency for 2009. Karla Harter, Director Brown County Health Department, was also present for the discussion.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve a \$5,000 appropriation to the NEKS Environmental Services. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

#### **HIAWATHA CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

Lynn Ladner, Hiawatha City Administrator, discussed the Streetscape Project which includes the Courthouse Square. A Stimulus Grant request will be submitted for the project. Brown County's share of the engineer's design cost would be approximately \$25,000. Ladner requested a Resolution of Support from the County.

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve Resolution #09-09, which is a letter of support for the Streetscape Project. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 15 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners and Brown County resident Steve Smith. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Closed 9:37 a.m. Opened 9:52 a.m. No binding action was taken.

#### **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Helen Sourk, Brown County Historical Society, discussed the lease between the Brown County Historical Society and Brown County. Sourk reported the lease needs to be a long term lease in order for the Historical Society to receive tax credits on a project they are pursuing. Sourk requested a new lease be drawn up, with the lease being at least 39 years. The Commissioners will have County Attorney Kevin Hill review the lease request.

Sourk also introduced the new curator for the Brown County Museum, Eric Oldham.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 15 minute Executive Session on confidential data with the three Commissioners present. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Closed 10:13 a.m. Opened 10:28 a.m. No binding action was taken.

#### **PROPOSED SKATE PARK**

Jim Reigle discussed the building of the proposed Skate Park. Reigle requested a Letter of Support from the Brown County Commissioners.

#### **TOWN & COUNTRY AMBULANCE**

Jim Reigle, Town & Country Ambulance, discussed purchasing another ambulance.

#### **CUSTODIAN**

Head Custodian Buzz Siebenmorgen discussed the ductwork and heating system on the East side of the Courthouse first floor. Siebenmorgen presented an estimate on a new air handler for that area.

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 March 23, 2009.