

April 6, 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.

MINUTES

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the March 31, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

TAX CHANGE ORDER

Tax change order #08-118 was approved and signed.

ROAD FOREMAN

Road Foreman Herb Roland discussed a District 1 truck which needs major repairs.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported there are 15 inmates currently at the Brown County Jail, with 1 from Johnson County. Merchant also reported on a fatality vehicle collision during the past weekend. Merchant discussed a COPS Grant and a Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Grant for which he is applying.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 10 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, Sheriff John Merchant, County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn present. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Closed 8:47 a.m. Opened 8:57 a.m. No binding action was taken.

CELL PHONE USAGE

Sheriff John Merchant discussed the Sheriff's Department cell phone usage and bill.

KICKAPOO ROAD PROGRAM

Cathy Wewenis, Kickapoo Road Program, and Robin Bellmard, Superintendent of the BIA Horton Agency, discussed the Kickapoo Road Program within Brown County. A signed agreement to maintain the Reservation roads was requested. The Commissioners declined to sign the agreement at this time, as some of the roads are not County maintained. Warren Ploeger will update a Brown County road map marking the various roads within the Kickapoo Reservation.

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

Angie McGuire, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, requested financial assistance for the program, due to state and federal funding cuts. She is requesting assistance from all four counties in the 22nd judicial district. A decision was tabled until later.

BG CONSULTANTS

Tom Bennett, BG Consultants, discussed Brown County bridges.

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Alvin Legler, Amateur Radio Club, presented a bid for a radio from Midwest Mobile at a cost of \$275, for the Amateur Radio Club van.

Motion by Steve Roberts to purchase the radio, to be paid from the County Commissioner's fund. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Board member Matt Young discussed the program.

Motion by Steve Roberts to award the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program \$750.00 to be paid from the Commissioner's fund. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting will be held Friday April 10, 2009, to canvass the ballots from the April 7, 2009 City/School General Election.