

May 4, 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.

MINUTES

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the April 30, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

RICHARD LEHMKUHL

Richard Lehmkuhl, Brown County resident, withdrew his name as Jail Construction Project Overseer.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT OVERSEER

Motion by Steve Roberts to accept John McClain of Horton as the Jail Construction Project Overseer. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. McClain was chosen from a field of seven applicants. McClain will receive \$30 per hour and is expected to work approximately 20 hours per week for the duration of the project.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported there are 16 inmates currently in the Brown County Jail with none from out of county. Merchant also reported on various arrests made during the past week. Merchant discussed the Polaris Ranger grant which was awarded to the Sheriff's Department. This vehicle will aid the county in responding to incidents in remote locations.

JAIL PROJECT SAFE ROOM

Jennifer Ploeger, Emergency Management, discussed the required paperwork in applying for a grant for the proposed Safe Room in the Jail Construction Project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 10 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners and Sheriff John Merchant present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 8:40 a.m. Opened 8:50 a.m. No binding action was taken.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Eric Oldham and Jere Bruning, Brown County Historical Society Curator and Board Member, requested that the County haul a few loads of rock to the Agricultural Museum. The request was approved, with the County hauling the rock and the Historical Society paying for the rock.

JIM HILL GLASS

Ron Hill, Jim Hill Glass, reported on the new door installation in the Brown County Courthouse. The south doors have been installed and the north doors will be installed soon.

HORTON CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Jim Whisenant, Horton City Administrator, discussed the construction progress of the Horton Blue Building. Rainy weather has been a factor in slowing the project. Whisenant also reported on the Horton Lake dredging project due to start this summer.

RS-1H OIL BID OPENING

Road Foremen Herb Roland, Richard Geiger and Jack Blanton, Road Foreman, were present for the opening of the following RS-1H oil bids: Vance Brothers with a delivered price of \$1.68 per gallon; and Coastal Energy with a delivered price of \$2.23 per gallon. Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the Vance Brothers bid of \$1.68 delivered. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

ONEOK GAS SERVICE

Scott Jurgensmeier, Oneok Gas Service, presented cost-savings information from Oneok. Jurgensmeier stated that the Brown County Courthouse and the Historical Society Museum would combine as one unit and would qualify for the savings. County Attorney Kevin Hill will review the contract before a decision is made.

Motion by Keith Olsen to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday May 11, 2009.

A public jail meeting with Treanor Architects was scheduled immediately following the Commissioner meeting