

May 18, 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. Warren Ploeger opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

SERVICES FOR ELDERLY

Services for the Elderly Director Steve Ward discussed the available parking for the Services for the Elderly taxis. Due to IRS regulations, if County vehicles are driven between the work location and the driver's home, it must be a taxable benefit. Ward will find a location to park the taxis overnight.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported 21 inmates currently in the Brown County Jail. Merchant reported a weekend fire that is currently under investigation. Merchant presented the Fire Alarm Inspection Report.

ROAD FOREMAN

Road Foreman Herb Roland discussed signage on County bridges on Township roads. According to Roland, the County maintains all bridges and provides signage on the bridges.

COUNTY VEHICLES

Motion by Warren Ploeger that all County vehicles, with the exception of the Sheriff's Department, shall not be driven to and from work or for any non-work related usage. This will be effective June 1, 2009. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

TREASURER

Treasurer Cheryl Lippold questioned the Neighborhood Revitalization rebate forms distributed by the Appraiser's Office. Lippold would like the form to state that the form must be returned and taxes must be paid by May 10 of each year. The Commissioners will request the Appraiser's Office to add the information to the form for next year, with Lippold issuing the rebates in those who have paid their taxes on time this year.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Community Corrections Director Venice Sloan presented an update on the Juvenile and Adult Community Corrections Program. Sloan presented a letter from the Advisory Board which approves the purchase of an Adult vehicle by Juvenile Services. The Commissioners approved the recommendation of the purchase.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Jim Beckwith, Director of the Area Agency on Aging, presented the Area Agency's annual report. The Area Agency covers seven counties. Beckwith discussed reduced services in the area due to a reduction in the State of Kansas funding to the Agency.

MINUTES

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the May 11, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

TAX CHANGE ORDERS

Tax Change Orders #08-132 through #08-134 were approved and signed.

ICE MACHINE

Motion by Steve Roberts to purchase from the Janitor's Fund, an ice machine from Ice Masters at a cost of \$1,575, for the Brown County Courthouse. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

DEAN TOLLEFSON

Hiawatha resident Dean Tollefson expressed concern that personal items need to be removed from a house on the Tax Sale scheduled for May 21, 2009. Tollefson has contacted the owner's relatives in regards to this matter. Tollefson was directed to discuss the matter with the County Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Steve Roberts for a 10 minute Executive Session on pending litigation with the three Commissioners, County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 9:43 a.m. Opened 9:50 a.m. No binding action was taken.

EXTENSION OFFICE LIGHTING

Motion by Keith Olsen to accept the \$5,650 bid of Schmidt Electrical Contracting to update the lighting system in the Extension Office. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

JAIL WELL

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the \$1,500 bid of Terracon to cap the well on the new Jail property. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

BG CONSULTANTS

Tom Bennett, BG Consultants, discussed the BIA Bridge on the Kansas/Nebraska state line. Bennett also presented suggestions for the Five Year Plan..

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday May 26, 2009, due to observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.