

August 3, 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 are currently 25 inmates at the Brown County Jail. Merchant discussed a vehicle chase through the southern part of Brown County. The suspect was arrested and charged with numerous violations. The Kickapoo Police Department assisted with the chase.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Steve Roberts for a 10 minute Executive Session with the three Commissioners and Sheriff John Merchant present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Closed 8:13 a.m. Opened 8:23 a.m. No binding action was taken.

HIAWATHA CITY

Hiawatha City Administrator Lynne Ladner questioned whether Brown County had decided to purchase the asphalt zipper for the road department. The Commissioners have decided not to purchase the asphalt zipper until 2011.

MINUTES

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the July 31, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER

Daniel Cooper, Treanor Architects, and Greg Hellbusch, Straub Construction, presented information on the Brown County Jail construction in regards to dirt moving and ground water issues in the pre-building phase.

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the change order in an estimated amount of \$17,202 for extra dirt work due to ground water issues at the jail site. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

The Commissioners discussed the Economic Development groups in Brown County and the surrounding area, including RDA (Rural Development Association), HFED (Hiawatha Foundation for Economic Development) and the Horton and Sabetha economic groups.

Motion by Steve Roberts to fund HFED (Hiawatha Foundation for Economic Development) in the amount of \$12,000 and \$6,500 each to the Horton and Sabetha economic groups and to discontinue the funding to the RDA (Rural Development Association); with all of the above to be effective for the 2010 Budget year. The Commissioners are stipulating that the three groups will help the Brown County third class cities with any needed grant writing and will report quarterly to the Commissioners, as a condition of the funding. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

BROWN COUNTY BUDGET 2010

Motion by Keith Olsen to allow no pay raises, promotions, or step pay increases for any Brown County employee, effective August 3, 2009 through January 1, 2011. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the official publication of the Brown County 2010 Budget. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday August 10, 2009.