

September 14, 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 a.m.

PAYROLL

The September 9, 2009 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$44,538.39
Road & Bridge	11,212.44
Election	1,141.77
Appraiser	4,698.46
Noxious Weed	1,160.00
ACC	6,036.87
JJCR	7,481.47
Services for Elderly	2,950.75
Solid Waste	2,760.51
Court Trustee	8,541.29
Special MVT	3,108.45
Employee Ben FICA	5,197.15
Employee Ben KPERS	3,861.52
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-455.20
Insurance	-2,391.17
TOTAL	\$99,842.70

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a five 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. Motion carried. Closed 8:01 a.m. Opened 8:06 a.m. No binding action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Steve Roberts for a 10 minute Executive Session on potential litigation with the three Commissioners, County Attorney Kevin Hill and Sheriff John Merchant present. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Closed 8:10 a.m. Opened 8:20 a.m. No binding action was taken.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported on various arrests during the previous week, with 29 inmates in the Brown County Jail.

Merchant also received word last Friday from the office of Senator Pat Roberts that Brown County will receive a stimulus grant of approximately \$331,000, a grant for which Undersheriff Mickey Gruber had applied. The grant will pay for salaries and benefits of two current staff members and will allow the addition of two additional staff members. The grant is for two years with the stipulation that the two new employees will be kept on staff for an additional year after the grant runs out.

COUNTY VAN

County Clerk Debbie Parker reported a possible gas siphoning incident with the County Van. Custodian Buzz Siebenmorgen will be requested to add a locking gas cap to the van.

MINUTES

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the September 14, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

DISTRICT COURT CARPET BIDS

Lela Smith, District Court Clerk, presented carpet bids for the three district court offices in the Brown County Courthouse. The bids were as follows: Carpet Plus with a bid of \$4,145.20; Chaney Furniture Co with a bid of \$3,923.40; and Jim Hills with a bid of \$3,600.00.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the Jim Hill's bid of \$3,600.00. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

The Commissioners agreed to pay for the carpet out of the Commissioner's budget; with the expenses of the office furniture breakdown and moving of the furniture to be paid for out of the District Court budget.

CD BID OPENING

Treasurer Cheryl Lippold was present for the bid opening of a \$300,000 CD currently held at Morrill & Janes Bank. The bids were as follows: Hiawatha National Bank with a bid of 1.64%; Morrill and Janes Bank with a bid of 1.66%.

Motion by Steve Roberts to accept the Morrill & Janes Bank bid of 1.66%. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

AUDITOR AGREEMENT

Motion by Steve Roberts to accept the auditor agreement for the 2009 audit to be performed in 2010, with Lowenthal, Webb & Odermann of Lawrence, Kansas. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

TREANOR ARCHITECTS

Tim Cummins and Daniel Cooper, Treanor Architects, and Greg Hellbusch, Straub Construction, presented an update on the jail construction. The basement was poured last week, with plans to pour the floor this week. John McClain, Overseer, was also present for the update.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday September 21, 2009.