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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.

PAYROLL

The September 23, 2009 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$46,327.62
Road & Bridge	11,206.84
Election	1,245.77
Appraiser	4,698.46
Noxious Weed	1,172.50
ACC	7,714.65
JJCR	10,225.66
JJPR	1,655.84
Services for Elderly	2,828.87
Solid Waste	2,491.82
Court Trustee	8,676.99
Special MVT	1,040.00
Employee Ben FICA	5,178.40
Employee Ben KPERS	3,798.36
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-478.75
Insurance	-8,115.52
TOTAL	\$99,667.51

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported 27 inmates currently in the Brown County Jail. Merchant discussed three rural burglaries and one Post Office break-in, which resulted in two arrests. Also discussed were a vehicle theft and various arrests.

D&L CONSTRUCTION

Motion by Steve Roberts to accept the estimate from D&L Construction of Horton to install a rural water line for Bridge Project #7C-4234-01. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

ROAD CLOSURE

Commissioner Steve Roberts reported that Kestrel Road near 330th will need to be closed in approximately 10 days for a bridge replacement project.

NEK HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Cynthia Cluck presented an Emergency Management Grant application for the NEK Health Department for signatures.

BURIED CABLE PERMIT

Buried cable permit #09-09 for Embarq was approved and signed.

MAPLE LEAF FESTIVAL

Motion by Steve Roberts to allow the Hiawatha Chamber of Commerce to use the Courthouse grounds for the Maple Leaf Festival on October 3. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the September 21, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

CITY OF HIAWATHA

Dave Grimm and Lynne Ladner, City of Hiawatha, discussed the water line needed for the new jail project. Grimm suggested a 10 inch pipe to handle the increased volume. Grimm stated the project, at a cost estimated at \$13,000, will be let for bids. Ladner reported that the downtown businesses are applying for additional street-scaping grant and questioned whether the Courthouse would like to be involved. The Commissioners would like the Courthouse included.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 10 minute Executive Session on land acquisition with the three Commissioners, County Attorney Kevin Hill and City Administrator Lynne Ladner present. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Closed 8:36 a.m. Opened 8:46 a.m. No binding action was taken.

APPRAISER

Appraiser Paula Jones informed the Commissioners of a letter received from Arlan Whitebird, Chairman Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, stating that the Appraiser data collectors were "to cease and desist all appraisal activity on trust land located within the exterior boundaries of the Kickapoo reservation." Jones stated that the data collectors are there only to value the property for exemption purposes not to assess taxes.

AREA AGENCY OF AGING

Area Agency of Aging Jim Beckwith announced his retirement on January 1, 2010 and introduced Karen Wilson as his replacement.

KCAMP INSURANCE

Larry Sharp, KCAMP Insurance, discussed insurance coverage of the 105 counties in Kansas. Sharp reported on Brown County's loss ratios for 2009 and previous years.

TREANOR ARCHITECTS

Andy Pitts, Nick Lawton and Daniel Cooper, Treanor Architects, and Greg Hellbusch, Straub Construction, presented an update on the jail construction. Hellbusch reported they are waiting for the cement to cure at this point and have lost 30 days due to the weather. John McClain, Overseer, was also present for the update. Dave Grimm, City of Hiawatha explained the new water line which will be needed for the jail project. Grimm wants to coordinate the project with the current jail construction. The need for a manhole was discussed.

BG CONSULTANTS

Tom Bennett, BG Consultants, discussed bridges and various road issues.

CUSTODIAN

Buzz Siebenmorgen, Head Custodian, discussed concerns over the Eagle Scout project around the Courthouse square. It is felt that the placement of some of the posts are a possible hazard to the public. Siebenmorgen will pull the posts that have the potential of being a liability, for resetting at a later time.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday September 30, 2009 to approve the month end bills.