

March 31, 2008

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Steve Roberts, Warren Ploeger and Glen Leitch. 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.

Steve Roberts opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

The March 31, 2008 month-end claims were approved as follows:

001 General	194,903.69
103 Road & Bridge	137,010.57
121 Health	12,155.00
123 Historical Society	1,416.66
125 Employee Benefit	45,711.80
127 Election	259.06
129 Extension	7,083.33
131 Mental Health	5,833.33
133 Mental Retardation	2,254.33
135 Capital Improvement	24,408.53
141 Conservation	5,625.00
143 Appraiser	4,024.82
145 Ambulance	7,916.66
147 Noxious Weed	1,141.98
148 JAI	217.50
150 JCAB	3,861.47
151 Alcohol	3,190.30
152 Sheriff Drug Forfeiture	2,013.99
154 Worthless Check	484.00
155 Diversion	484.00
157 911 Fund	23,181.81
162 JJP	1,214.23
163 JJGS	805.46
165 ACC	1,586.88
166 CC123	633.13
201 Services for Elderly	4,290.10
211 Solid Waste	34,948.96
909 Payroll	1,187.73
915 Court Trustee	321.16
Total	528,165.48

PAYROLL

The March 26, 2008 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$44,929.18
Road & Bridge	11,921.39
Election	1,189.77

Appraiser	3,884.00
Noxious Weed	1,084.00
JCAB	7,566.41
Diversions	440.00
JJ Prevention	1,148.39
ACC	6,357.18
CC123	1,709.53
Services for Elderly	2,935.71
Solid Waste	2,515.74
Court Trustee	4,276.87
Special MVT	987.08
Employee Ben FICA	5,057.01
Employee Ben KPERS	3,756.53
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-215.42
Insurance	-5,913.34
TOTAL	\$93,630.03

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported on recent arrests and accidents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 20 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners and Sheriff John Merchant present. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion died as all three Commissioners voted to delay the Executive Session until County Attorney Kevin Hill can be present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 20 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, County Attorney Kevin Hill and Sheriff John Merchant present. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Closed 8:15 a.m. Opened 8:35 a.m.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to create a new payroll position for the Sheriff's Department of Investigator at a pay rate of \$15.84 and to raise the Undersheriff's wages to \$37,730 annually, effective April 6, 2008. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY LETTER

Motion by Warren Ploeger to send a letter to the Kansas State Historical Society in regards to the Brown County Courthouse windows. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

AMBULANCE LEASE

Town & Country Ambulance Owners Jim & Lana Reigle were present for the signing of an ambulance lease agreement between Brown County and the ambulance service. Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the lease agreement. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

Reigle reported on problems with the Pipeline employees in regards to collecting debts due to the ambulance service. Reigle stated that Town & Country Ambulance and the Hiawatha Hospital also took losses from the Pipeline employees.

RESOLUTION #08-10

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve Resolution #08-10, proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

BROWN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Motion by Steve Roberts to appoint Wesley Duesing to the Brown County Historical Society Board. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the March 24, 2008 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

COBRA INSURANCE

County Clerk Debbie Parker reported that the County is required to inform employees leaving the County's employ that the employee is eligible for Cobra Health, Dental and Vision insurance. Parker suggested that a contract be made with Cobra Guard to inform the employees, relieving the County of the responsibility. Ploeger requested that Parker contact County Attorney Kevin Hill with the suggestion.

VICTOR L. PHILLIPS

Steve Korth, sales representative for Victor L Phillips submitted a bid on a used Case loader backhoe for the landfill. The trade-in difference for a 2007 580SM-II Loader Backhoe would be \$23,685.00. Due to budget restraints the Commissioners decided to delay the equipment upgrade.

COURTHOUSE LAWN

Buzz Siebenmorgen presented a bid from Green Tech for the spraying and treatment of the courthouse lawn. Other avenues will be checked into before a decision is made.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Adjourned 11:33 a.m. The next meeting will be Friday April 4, 2008, to canvass the April 1, 2008 General Election.