

## **April 7, 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. Steve Roberts opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

### **COURTROOM**

Warren Ploeger suggested that the large courtroom needs some re-plastering and a fresh coat of paint. The Commissioners will look into the matter.

### **STEVE LUKERT**

Kansas State Representative Steve Lukert reported the jail finance bill, which involves Brown County, had passed the Kansas House of Representatives and is going to the Kansas Senate. Lukert also discussed other bills currently being reviewed.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff John Merchant reviewed various cases and fires which occurred in Brown County over the past week.

County Clerk Debbie Parker requested verification as to how to handle Undersheriff Mickey Gruber's payroll.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 30 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners and Road Foremen Herb Roland, Richard Geiger and Mel Werner present. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Closed 8:33 a.m. Opened 8:50 a.m. No binding action was taken.

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 25 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners and Road Foremen Herb Roland, Richard Geiger, Mel Werner and Darrin Mathias present. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Closed 8:51 a.m. Opened 9:15 a.m. No binding action was taken.

### **KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

After discussion of various possibilities for the Courthouse window replacement, the Board of Brown Commissioners have determined that the only feasible or prudent alternative exists to Brown County's proposal and that Brown County's proposed project included all possible planning to minimize the historic property and to its environs.

Motion by Glen Leitch to send a letter stating the above to the Kansas State Historical Society. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

### **LEONARD PUVOGEL**

Hiawatha Township resident Leonard Puvogel expressed his concerns over the conditions of Hiawatha Township roads. The Commissioners suggested getting a group of Hiawatha Township residents together to attend the next Hiawatha Township Board meeting.

### **MINUTES**

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the March 31, 2008 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the April 4, 2008 General Election Canvassing minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for 10 minute Executive Session on pending litigation with the three Commissioners, County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn present. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Closed 10:00 a.m. Opened 10:10 a.m. The session was informational only, no binding action was taken.

### **JIM HILL'S GLASS**

Ron Hill, of Jim Hill's Glass, reported that the remainder of the Courthouse windows will arrive tomorrow. Installation will start as soon as the weather clears, starting with the first floor windows. Hill estimates one window a day will be installed with a 3 or 4 man crew. Hill will also look into preparing a bid for window treatments.

#### **FEMA**

Emergency Management Director Jennifer Ploeger presented to Brown County the FEMA reimbursement monies from the December 2007 ice storm damages.

#### **GRIMM'S GARDENS**

Doug Grimm, of Grimm's Gardens, discussed a GPS tree mapping program costing \$200.00. The Commissioners declined the program. Various trees were discussed to try to determine the types of trees needed in the Courthouse lawn to replace the 5 trees that were lost from the ice storm.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, April 14, 2008.

Doug Grimm and the three Commissioners toured the Courthouse lawn.