

May 19, 2008

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: 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.

ROAD FOREMEN

Road Foreman Richard Geiger reported on rock hauling. Road Foreman Darrin Mathias discussed a project near Sycamore Springs.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported that the officers are keeping a daily log sheet on mileage, equipment and calls received. The \$1,000 community education grant was received from Wal-Mart. Merchant will use the grant money to fund the Computer Cop program, which allows parents to monitor their children's computer use. Merchant reported a dispatcher had resigned.

MINUTES

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the May 12, 2008 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

TAX CHANGE ORDER

Tax change order #07-11 was approved and signed.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Hiawatha City Chamber of Commerce requested use of the south side of the Courthouse grounds on May 27, for a benefit for the Halloween activities. Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the use of the Courthouse grounds for the fundraiser. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

TOOL BOX BID OPENING

Sandy Carter, Computer, was present for the Sheriff's toolbox bid opening. The lone bid was from Corey Lay for \$65. Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the bid of \$65 from Corey Lay. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

COPIER/PRINTER

County Clerk Debbie Parker and Computer Director Sandy Carter discussed a new copier/printer to replace the copier in the County Clerk's office. The old copier was purchased in 2001.

ELECTION

Election Officer Debbie Parker reported on a computer election program, which will format local ballots. The Secretary of State announced that HAVA monies would pay 95% of the election programs and training. Parker estimated this program would save an estimated \$5,000 for 2008 elections. Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the purchase. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

HFED

Jon Daeschner, John Severin, and Nick Hrencher of HFED (Hiawatha Foundation for Economic Development), reported on HFED's activities. Daeschner reported on funding from various sources. A recent study by the State reports that there is a 100,000 work force potential within a 40 mile radius of Hiawatha. The group requested a \$15,000.00 appropriation from Brown County.

HORTON EMS CONTRACT

County Attorney Kevin Hill reviewed and approved the Horton EMS contract.

ENGINEERING CONTRACT

County Attorney Kevin Hill reviewed the Architectural contract with Treanor Architects, in regards to the proposed correctional building construction. Hill contacted Treanor last week with various contract revisions, but has not heard back from Treanor Architects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Steve Roberts for a 15 minute Executive Session on land acquisition, with the three Commissioners and County Attorney Kevin Hill present. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Closed 10:22 a.m.. Opened 10:35 a.m. No binding action was taken.

WINDOW TREATMENTS

Two solar shade options for window treatments for the new courthouse windows were viewed.

Motion by Glen Leitch to adjourn. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. The next meeting will be held Tuesday May 27, 2008, due to the Memorial Day Holiday.