

## **June 9, 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.

### **PAYROLL**

The June 4, 2008 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$45,863.87
Road & Bridge	12,709.54
Election	1,194.38
Appraiser	3,884.00
Noxious Weed	1,790.37
JCAB	5,447.55
Diversion	1,116.00
JJ Prevention	1,140.33
ACC	5,647.96
CC123	1,296.00
Services for Elderly	3,022.59
Solid Waste	2,573.46
Court Trustee	7,574.64
Special MVT	984.00
Employee Ben FICA	5,282.76
Employee Ben KPERS	3,896.81
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-281.79
Insurance	-2,607.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100,535.44</b>

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff John Merchant reported on the past week's activities in Brown County. An ATV (all terrain vehicle) ordinance was discussed.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Emergency Management Director Jennifer Ploeger presented Disaster Declaration #08-12 for Brown County, following the tornado/straight line wind damage in the City of Reserve on June 5, 2008. The Kansas Weather Service will be in Brown County this week to assess the damage and decide whether the damage was caused by a tornado or straight line winds.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept Disaster Declaration #08-12. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

### **EXTENSION**

Extension Director Jennifer Ploeger requested permission to change the locks on the Extension Offices. Permission was granted to change the locks. A local locksmith will be contacted.

### **ROAD FOREMAN**

Road Foreman Herb Roland reported on road patching and the start of the road oiling season.

### **JCAB/ACC**

JCAB/ACC Director Venice Sloan presented grant paperwork for signatures.

### **TREASURER**

Treasurer Cheryl Lippold presented a proposed wage schedule for the 2009 Budget.

## **MINUTES**

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the June 2, 2008 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

## **BURIED CABLE PERMIT**

Buried cable permit #08-04 was approved and signed.

## **FENCE VIEWING RESOLUTION #08-11**

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve Resolution #08-11, which is the fence viewing decision involving the City of Sabetha and Elvin Goodwin. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

## **TAX CHANGE ORDER**

Tax change order #07-113 was approved and signed.

## **JAIL BOILER UPDATE**

Custodian Buzz Siebenmorgen and Sheriff John Merchant reported on problems with the Jail boiler system. Bids will be requested on both repairing the old boiler and purchasing a new boiler.

## **COURTHOUSE WINDOW TREATMENT BIDS**

Courthouse window treatment bids were as follows: Jim Hill's Glass with a bid of \$33,945.00; and Alexander's Blind & Drapery Shop with a bid of \$29,725.00. The bid is for solar shades for 78 windows with a 95% sun blockage.

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the Alexander's Blind & Drapery Shop bid. Warren Ploeger requested the companies be contacted as to when the treatments could be installed. Motion died for the lack of a second.

## **SABETHA NRP**

Rural Development Director Nancy Gafford and City of Sabetha Administrator Doug Allen reported on the Sabetha Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, which is scheduled to be implemented by the City of Sabetha by September 2008.

## **WIND ENERGY UPDATE**

Lynn Ladner, Hiawatha City Administrator, presented a Wind Energy update. Ladner and Steve Smith attended the American Wind Energy Conference in Houston, Texas last week. A study on wind energy potential in Kansas was discussed, with the potential wind energy in Kansas being much higher than expected. A company in Korea requested information on possibly locating a wind energy equipment company in Brown County, with construction beginning in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2008. Three possible sites are being considered by the Korean company.

Ladner also reported that the City of Hiawatha did not receive the Second Phase Streetscape Grant.

## **WINDOW TREATMENTS**

Alexander's Blind & Drapery Shop was contacted and stated it would be a minimum of one month before installation of the window treatments would begin. Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the Alexander's Drapery & Décor bid of \$29,725.00. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

## **CENSUS BUREAU**

Register of Deeds Nellie Brockhoff was appointed as the Brown County Contact Person for the United States Census Bureau.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 15 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 11:05 a.m. Opened 11:20 a.m. No binding action was taken.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm. The next meeting will be Monday June 16, 2008.