

August 6, 2008

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in a special session with the following members present: Steve Roberts, Warren Ploeger and Glen Leitch. Also present were County Attorney Kevin Hill and County Clerk Debbie Parker. Commissioner Steve Roberts opened the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

BUDGET RESOLUTION

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve Resolution 08-13 expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Brown County Commissioners with respect to financing of the 2009 annual budget. This resolution will be published in connection with the 2009 budget hearing notice. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL JAIL MEETING

Those present for the informational jail meeting include the Board of Commissioners, County Attorney Kevin Hill, County Clerk Debbie Parker, Steve Davies Chairman of the Public Building Commission, Mike Ingwersen PBC member, Joe Armstrong interested citizen and members of the press. Treanor Architect Dan Rowe participated by phone.

The three jail options were reviewed. The cost of renovating the existing facility would run about 4.7 million and it was still questionable if it would meet federal standards. Mr. Rowe's recommendation was to not consider renovation of the existing jail. He did not believe that the 33 bed facility would be a viable option for Brown County.

The cost of renovating the old Chevrolet building would run approximately 4.5 million dollars. Mr. Rowe did not feel that this building would be as efficient to operate as a new building. According to Mr. Rowe, staffing for this facility and a new facility would run approximately the same.

The new facility option would run about 4.2 to 4.4 million dollars. The new facility plan allows for a basement which could be used as an emergency storm shelter for Brown County Citizens. The new facility has a future expansion plan allowed for within the actual structure to add 16 beds in this building at a minimum of costs, which could become a vital issue in the future. The projected life of this building would be between 50 to 100 years. The facility would be a simply built brick and block building with no ornamentation. The beds would be constructed of cement slabs to provide a safety feature for both employees and inmates.

This meeting was informational only and no action was taken.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m. The next meeting will be held Friday August 8, 2008 as a canvassing board for the August 5, 2008 Primary Election.