

September 8, 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.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported on recent arrests and jail activity. Ploeger reported that community meetings are being held throughout the County to explain the proposed jail facility. Meetings have been held in Morrill and Hiawatha, with coming meetings to be held in Horton, Fairview, Everest and Robinson.

MINUTES

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

LEASE PURCHASE

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve a lease purchase through Berry Tractor for a belly dump trailer, with trade-in. at a total cost of \$24,375. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Roberts to amend the previous motion to purchase outright the belly dump trailer from the Special Machinery Fund. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 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 8:40 a.m. Opened 8:50 a.m. No binding action was taken.

BROWN & JACKSON COUNTY APPRAISER

A Conference call was made to the Jackson County Commissioners in regards to advertising for a new County Appraiser shared by Jackson and Brown Counties. The current shared Appraiser, Tom Brown, is retiring September 23, 2008. Both Counties agreed that the position will be advertised statewide by Jackson County.

GALEN WEILAND

Democratic Candidate for Kansas State Senate District 1 Galen Weiland visited with the Commissioners.

TUBAFEST

Gerald Speidel requested permission for use of the Courthouse Lobby on December 20, 2008 for the 15th annual TubaFest. Permission was granted for the TubaFest.

ROAD BID OPENING

No Road Bids were received for road repairs in District 3.

DAWN NEWMAN/ROAD DEPARTMENT

The Commissioners offered Brown County employee Dawn Newman additional responsibilities and pay. The Road Department paperwork, currently completed by the County Clerk, would be Newman's responsibility. Newman will review the matter with Register of Deeds Nellie Brockhoff and a decision on the pay will be made later this month.

RESOLUTION #08-16

Kevin Cowan, Gilmore & Bell, presented Resolution #08-16 as follows: A Resolution authorizing and providing for the calling of a special question election in Brown County, Kansas, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the County the question of imposing a special one-half percent (.50%)

countywide retailers' sales tax for the purpose of financing the costs of constructing a new jail facility and all improvements appurtenant thereto.

Thereupon, on motion of Commissioner Ploeger, seconded by Commissioner Leitch, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call: Aye: Commissioners Roberts, Leitch and Ploeger. Nay: none.

Thereupon, a majority of the members of the governing body having voted in favor of the Resolution, it was declared duly adopted and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution #08-16; and was directed to be signed by the governing body and attested by the Clerk. The Clerk was further directed to take all action necessary to proceed with calling said election in the manner prescribed by law.

PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION

Members of the Brown County Public Building Commission met during the regular session of the Board of County Commissioners.

RESOLUTION #08-17

Upon approval of the PBC motion by Steve Roberts to approve Resolution 08-17 requesting the Brown County Building Commission to issue Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$4,400,000., for the purpose of paying the costs to construct and equip a jail/detention facility improvement in Brown County. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Aye: Commissioners Roberts, Leitch, and Ploeger. Nay: none.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting will on Monday September 15, 2008.