

October 13, 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.

PAYROLL

The October 8, 2008 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$45,776.98
Road & Bridge	11,640.63
Election	1,189.77
Appraiser	3,884.00
Noxious Weed	1,131.42
Diversion	352.00
ACC	7,379.19
JJA Core	6,337.93
JJA Preventions	1,319.06
Services for Elderly	2,923.46
Solid Waste	2,611.23
Court Trustee	9,051.15
Special MVT	984.00
Employee Ben FICA	5,112.93
Employee Ben KPERS	3,589.05
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-336.95
Insurance	-2,265.78
TOTAL	\$100,680.07

SERVICES FOR ELDERLY

Services for the Elderly Director Steve Ward presented information on a 2008 Ford Focus.

Motion by Glen Leitch to allow the purchase of a 2008 Ford Focus at a cost of \$13,500 for Services for the Elderly. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

HORTON BLUE BUILDING

Horton City Mayor Tim Lentz discussed grants and renovations to the Blue Building in Horton. Brown County will provide a backhoe to assist in removal of the old concrete. Also discussed were improvements to Mission Lake, west of Horton. Lentz questioned when a County Tax Sale would take place. The Commissioners will encourage the County Attorney in regards to holding the Tax Sale. Lentz stated that the City of Horton supports the building of a new jail and will provide a letter of support.

DISTRICT COURT CLERK

District Court Clerk Lela Smith presented a purchase order for a work station for the office of Judge Weingart.

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the work station purchase from Navrat's at a cost of \$7,995.00 Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported on recent arrests and jail activity. County employee health insurance was also discussed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 5 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, County Treasurer Cheryl Lippold, County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk

Marla Hathhorn present. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Closed 8:45 a.m. County Attorney Kevin Hill joined the meeting at 8:47 a.m. Opened 8:50 a.m. No binding action was taken.

TAX SALE

County Attorney Kevin Hill reported progress on the Tax Sale. A hearing date for the Tax Sale will be set soon.

PIPE LINE/ROAD REPAIRS

County Attorney Kevin Hill discussed proposed road repairs due to pipe line damage.

CITY OF HIAWATHA

Hiawatha City Mayor Crosby Gernon discussed the proposed jail construction. Gernon will present a Resolution supporting the jail to the Hiawatha City Commission.

WILLIAM POLLOCK

Brown County resident William Pollock read a statement questioning the property tax exemption in regards to the second pipeline crossing Brown County. County Clerk Debbie Parker stated that anything over 190 miles is tax exempt for 10 years according to Kansas State Statute. Pollock requested this State Statute be given to Brown County in writing from the State since he understood that Doniphan County said the pipeline will not be tax exempt. Pollock believes that the proposed jail should be paid by property tax instead of sales tax. Parker will contact PVD (Property Valuation Department) with the tax exemption question.

TAX CHANGE ORDERS

Tax change orders #07-137 and #07-138 were approved and signed.

MINUTES

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the October 6, 2008 minutes. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Glen Leitch for a 10 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn present. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Closed 9:40 a.m. Opened 9:50 a.m. No binding action was taken.

APPRAISER

The Commissioners informed Deputy Appraiser Paula Jones of the short budget balance for the remainder of 2008.

RESOLUTION #08-20

Emergency Management Director Jennifer Ploeger presented information on a grant received on flood plain management. Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept Resolution #08-20, to establish the Kansas Flood Plain Management regulations. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

KEYSTONE PIPELINE

Keystone Pipeline Representatives Tommy Darnell and Kerwin Kostad gave an update on the Keystone Pipeline construction road permits. Also present for the meeting were Hiawatha Township Board members David Pfister and Jim Oldridge, Mission Township Board member Robert Tollefson, Robinson Township Board member Jack Geiger, County Attorney Kevin Hill and Road Foremen Herb Roland and Mel Werner.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next meeting will on Monday October 20, 2008.