

## **October 27, 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 was County Clerk Debbie Parker. County Attorney Kevin Hill was present for a portion of the meeting.

Steve Roberts opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

The October 22, 2008 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$43,196.31
Road & Bridge	11,230.85
Election	1,189.77
Appraiser	3,884.00
Noxious Weed	1,160.22
Diversion	440.00
ACC	8,936.97
JJCR	8,370.97
JJPR	1,788.32
Services for Elderly	2,875.46
Solid Waste	2,553.65
Court Trustee	5,980.42
Special MVT	3,490.65
Employee Ben FICA	5,108.88
Employee Ben KPERS	3,660.99
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-330.65
Insurance	-6,556.59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$96,980.22</b>

### **ROAD & BRIDGE CREWMAN INTERVIEW**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 15 minute executive session on non-elected personnel. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Those present included the three Commissioners, District 3 Road Foreman Mel Werner and County Clerk Debbie Parker. Meeting closed at 8:00 a.m., and opened at 8:15 a.m. Motion by Warren Ploeger to hire Todd Gruber with starting pay at \$13.00 per hour. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Todd Gruber will give his current employer two weeks notice and will let the County know his available starting date. Another applicant had been interviewed on Friday October 24, by Commissioner Ploeger and District 3 Road Foreman Mel Werner and had withdrawn his application.

### **DISTRICT 3 ROAD FOREMAN**

Motion by Warren Ploeger to appoint Jack Blanton to the District 3 Road Foreman position with a pay increase to reflect the promotion effective Tuesday October 28, 2008. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff John Merchant presented the Sheriff's report for the past week which included two arrests. There are 36 inmates in the jail, four of which are from Johnson County.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 15 minute Executive Session on non-elected employees with the three Commissioners, Sheriff John Merchant, Extension Agent/Emergency Management Director Jennifer Ploeger and County Clerk Debbie Parker present. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Closed 8:30 a.m. Opened 8:45 a.m. No binding action was taken.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 10 minute executive session on non-elected personnel. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Meeting closed at 8:50 a.m. Those present included the Commissioners, Sheriff Merchant and County Attorney Kevin Hill. Meeting opened at 9:00 a.m. No binding action was taken.

#### **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

George Bruning, Household Hazardous Waste Director, informed the Commissioners that the Household Hazardous Waste Collections Site would officially open on November 4, 2008. Flyers announcing the opening will be included in both the Hiawatha World and the Horton Headlight. This service is provided free to Brown County residents.

#### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Kevin Hill reported on the Keystone pipeline project and the possibility of it being a taxable project. If the project that runs from Nebraska is not 190 miles long it could become a taxable project. There are several determining factors to be considered before the final decision will be made on this project. Kevin was authorized by the Board to pursue the taxable status of the pipeline extension that will run through Brown County.

#### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

County Attorney Kevin Hill requested that the Board of County Commissioners combine the positions of County Attorney and the Assistant County Attorney into one position; this would eliminate the Assistant County Attorney's position. Hill would resign from his partnership with Finley, Miller & Cashman and establish his office in the Courthouse. Hill would bring one full time secretary with him. He is asking the Board to vacate the office now utilized by NEK-CAP; the office is currently only open 14 hours per week. Motion by Glen Leitch to eliminate the assistant county attorney position and combine the salaries to set the County Attorney's salary at \$70,000 per year and the secretary's pay will be set at \$12.75 per hour to be effective January 1, 2009. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Roberts to send notification to Nek-Cap today, requesting NEK-CAP to vacate their office space by December 19, 2008. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

#### **JCAB/ACC**

Venice Sloan, JCAB/ACC Director, submitted Adult and Juvenile Quarterly reports for signatures. Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the memorandum of understanding between Juvenile Services, Brown County and 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

#### **MINUTES**

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the October 20, 2008 minutes. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

#### **BURIED CABLE PERMIT**

Embarq buried cable permit #08-08 was approved and signed.

#### **APPRAISER INTERVIEW**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 20 minute executive session on non-elected personnel. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Meeting closed at 10:30 a.m. Those present included the Commissioners, County Clerk Debbie Parker, and Clint Anderson from Hillsboro, KS. Meeting opened at 10:50 a.m. No binding action was taken.

#### **RDA**

Nancy Gafford, RDA (Rural Development Association), presented a resolution to adopt the revised Brown-Nemaha Counties Solid Waste Management and Disposal Plan.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to adopt the Solid Waste Resolution 08-17. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 10 minute executive session on pending litigation. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Meeting closed at 11:00 a.m. Those present included the Commissioners and County Clerk Debbie Parker. Meeting opened at 11:10 a.m. No binding action was taken.

Motion by Glen Leitch to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m. The next meeting will be Friday October 31, 2008, to approve the month end bills.