

November 17, 2008

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Steve Roberts, Glen Leitch and Warren Ploeger. Also present was 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.

POST ELECTION TEST RUN

Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn reported that the Post Election Test had been ran on the election system the previous week with perfect results.

RESOLUTION #08-21

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve Resolution #08-21, appointing Paula Jones as Brown County Appraiser, effective November 10, 2008. Motion seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

JCAB/ACC

JCAB/ACC Director Venice Sloan presented an application for DOC unexpended funds for equipment for signatures.

MINUTES

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the November 10, 2008 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported there are 27 male inmates in the Brown County jail, with 4 from Johnson County. Merchant reported numerous deer-car accidents recently.

KEITH WILlich

Keith Willich, Brown County property owner, reported a potential problem with access to his landlocked farmland. He currently has access through an adjacent landowner but is worried about future access. The Commissioners advised Willich to buy a strip of land for access.

HIAWATHA CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Hiawatha City Administrator Lyn Ladner presented a letter showing Hiawatha City's support for the new jail facility. Hiawatha City has agreed to waive the building permit fee for the construction of the new jail. The fee that will be waived, based upon the estimated \$3.5 million cost of construction, is \$2,429.75.

JAIL CONSTRUCTION FINANCING

Dustin Avey, Piper Jaffray, discussed methods of financing the Brown County jail construction. Also present for the financial discussion were Kevin Cowan, Gilmore & Bell; Steve Davies, Chairman of the Public Building Commission; Sheriff John Merchant and County Attorney Kevin Hill.

RESOLUTION #08-22

Motion by Steve Roberts to accept Resolution #08-22, imposing a special one-half percent (.50%) county-wide retailers' sales tax and authorizing related matters. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m. The next meeting will be held Monday November 24, 2008.