

## **December 15, 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 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.

### **BG CONSULTANTS**

Tom Bennett, BG Consultants, discussed future projects. Bennett recommended adding additional bridges to the Five Year Plan. Road Foremen Herb Roland, Richard Geiger and Jack Blanton were also present for the discussion.

### **REPRESENTATIVE STEVE LUKERT**

Representative Steve Lukert reported that he expected difficult decisions at all levels of government in 2009. Lukert said that he would not support any across the board program cuts.

### **EMINENT DOMAIN HEARING**

County Attorney Kevin Hill reported that the Eminent Domain Resolution had been published on December 12, 2008. The Eminent Domain court hearing will be held December 23, 2008. The Judge will decide at the hearing whether Brown County can declare Eminent Domain for the jail project and will then appoint three independent appraisers to appraise the proposed land purchase.

### **BREAK**

A 25 minute break was taken at this time to listen to the Hiawatha High School Headliners sing Christmas carols.

### **MINUTES**

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the December 8, 2008 minutes. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

### **KANZA**

KANZA Director David Elsbury questioned whether a KANZA Board member had to be a Brown County resident to be on the Board of Directors. Elsbury was directed to contact County Attorney Kevin Hill as to the bylaws of the board.

### **STOP SIGN REQUEST**

Brown County residents Judy Bush, Lori Gray and Cheryl Lippold requested a stop sign be erected at the intersection of 260<sup>th</sup> & Kingfisher. The intersection was the site of an injury accident a few weeks ago. The Commissioners will contact the Sheriff on patrolling the area to encourage speeders to follow the speed limit.

### **ALAN JACOBSEN**

Alan Jacobsen, independent contractor, offered his services as overseer of the Brown County Jail construction project. Jacobsen was previously overseer of the Atchison County Jail and the Hiawatha Wal-Mart, along with numerous other projects. The Commissioners expect a bid letting on the project in early May and requested Jacobsen to submit a proposal of services early in 2009.

### **HIAWATHA TOWNSHIP**

David Pfister, Hiawatha Township, informed the Commissioners that Hiawatha Township employee Ron Merchant Sr, will be retiring at the end of 2008.

### **PERSONNEL POLICY**

The Commissioners reviewed various changes to the 2009 Personnel Policy. Motion by Steve Roberts to accept the additional pay scale steps to the 2009 Brown County Personnel Policy. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday December 22, 2008.