

December 29, 2008

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Steve Roberts, Warren Ploeger and Glen Leitch. Also present was County Clerk Debbie Parker, Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn and District 2 Commissioner Elect Keith Olsen. 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 21 inmates, with 2 from Johnson County, currently being held in the Brown County Jail. Merchant requested a pay scale step adjustment for the Sheriff's Department in 2009.

Merchant reported that he plans to adopt the Sheriff's KCAMP Policy.

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve Purchase Order #3634 to Beretta USA, for \$9,784.00 for the Sheriff's Department. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

Cell phone usage and service was discussed, with the possibility of discontinuing County cell phones and instead paying a monthly employee stipend.

KEYSTONE PIPELINE

Tommy Darnell, Keystone Pipeline, discussed required paperwork for the pipeline.

MINUTES

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the December 22, 2008 minutes. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 5 minute executive session on pending litigation, with the three Commissioners, County Attorney Kevin Hill, and County Clerk Debbie Parker present. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Meeting closed at 8:42 a.m. and opened at 8:47 a.m. No binding action was taken.

TAX CHANGE ORDERS

Tax change orders #08-45 and 08-49 were approved and signed.

AMENDED BUDGET HEARING

Jim Scherer, CPA, was present for the 2008 Amended Budget Hearing. Scherer stated that the amended budget would in no way affect the taxes collected or paid in 2008. This will allow the County to spend available cash.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the 2008 Amended Budget. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

HIAWATHA CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Lynn Ladner, Hiawatha City Administrator, spoke on a Special Legislative meeting in Topeka on January 8, 2009. Ladner would like to see U.S. Highways 36 & 75 both become four lane highways in Brown County. Ladner suggests that County officials speak on this issue at the meeting. The Commissioners agreed to send a spokesman to the meeting.

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Motion by Steve Roberts to pay the Kansas Association of Counties 2009 subscription to the Local Road Engineer Service in the amount of \$350.00. Seconded by Glen Leitch. The bill will be paid in January 2009.

Motion by Steve Roberts to pay the Kansas Association of Counties 2009 Membership Dues in the amount of \$2,235.59. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. The bill will be paid in January 2009.

OUTSTANDING PURCHASE ORDERS

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the following Outstanding Purchase Orders from the District Court: #3739 for Kansas Correctional Industries for \$6,000.00; #3710 for Navrat's Office Products for \$1,500.00; and #3738 for Navrat's Office Products for \$1,606.00. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

ROAD FOREMAN

Road Foreman Darrin Matthias reported that he had been on sick leave and is almost ready to return. Ploeger reminded Matthias that a signed doctor's release would be required before he could return to work.

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Road Foreman Herb Roland reported that the County needed to get bids on rock salt.

SHERIFF

Sheriff John Merchant reported on electrical and fire system problems with the current jail. The Office of the Kansas State Fire Marshall requires the problems be corrected by the first quarter of 2009.

Motion by Glen Leitch to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting will be held Wednesday December 31, 2008, to approve the December month end bills.