March 26, 2007

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 and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn. Steve Roberts opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker discussed problems with the computer system in the Sheriff's Department. Shoemaker reported that he and Emergency Management Director Steve Brown had viewed both new and pre-owned fully-contained camper/trailers. The trailer would be used as a mobile dispatch/command center, as recommended by Homeland Security. The Homeland Security fund would pay for the radio equipment needed for the command center.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the purchase of a pre-owned 1995 25-foot camper/trailer for use a mobile command center, at a cost of approximately \$5,500.00, paid from the Commissioners budget. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

ROAD FOREMEN

Road Foremen Herb Roland and Mel Werner discussed tube bids.

TAX CHANGE ORDER

Tax change order #06-74 was approved and signed.

MINUTES

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the March 19, 2007 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

VIDEO CONFERENCING

Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker and Computer Department Director Sandy Carter discussed a dedicated line for video-conferencing between the Sheriff's Department and the Court System in the Brown County Courthouse. Underground internet cable is currently being laid to the Courthouse, Carter will arrange for the dedicated line in conjunction with the internet cable.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the use of the Courthouse and Courthouse lawn for the annual Hiawatha Chamber of Commerce annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 7, 2007. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion approved.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve payment of two bills, without the required documentation as per the Personnel Policy, from the Sheriff's Department. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

TREASURER

Treasurer Cheryl Lippold announced the resignation of Treasurer's Office employee Christina Calvert. Lippold will be advertising to fill the position.

REPRESENTATIVE JERRY MORAN

First District U.S. Representative Jerry Moran discussed the bio-diesel industry in Kansas.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m. The next meeting will be held Friday March 30, 2007, to approve the month end bills.