

**May 7, 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 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.

**SHERIFF**

Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker discussed the heavy rainstorms passing through Brown County over the weekend.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Senior Assistant Road Foreman Darrin Matthias reported on potential bridge problems brought on by the heavy rains over the weekend. Road Foremen Herb Roland and Mel Werner discussed numerous road closures and rivers running at flood level. Rainfall was unofficially reported at 8 ½ inches for a 24 hour period.

**5 YEAR ROAD PLAN**

Motion by Warren Ploeger to submit the 5-Year Road Plan to KDOT. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the April 30, 2007 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 20 minute Executive Session on potential purchase of real estate with the three Commissioners, County Attorney Kevin Hill, and Hiawatha resident Jon Daeschner present. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Closed 9:05 a.m. Opened 9:25 a.m. No binding action was taken.

**JCAB/ACC**

JCAB/ACC Board Members Steve Davies, Kevin Hill and Venice Sloan discussed the need for more privacy and office space for the JCAB/ACC offices. Davies explained that the Board has been looking at spaces both inside and outside the Courthouse, with the first floor of the Masonic Hall south of the Courthouse being chosen as a good location. Sloan discussed funding for JCAB/ACC. The State has approved using funding for computer re-wiring to the Masonic Hall. Davies stated that the Board has not officially voted on the relocation but wanted to keep the Commissioners informed. Hill stated that the Board's preference would be to stay at the Courthouse, with Hill suggesting the JCAB move into the first floor NEK-CAP office.

**TORNADO DRILL**

A Courthouse tornado drill was conducted by Emergency Management Director Steve Brown. All employees and visitors were directed to either the Courthouse basement or the custodian's first floor closet.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 20 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, Appraiser Tom Brown, Deputy Appraiser Paula Jones and County Clerk Debbie Parker present. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Closed 10:08 a.m. Opened 10:23 a.m. Motion by Glen Leitch to create a part-time data collector position with a starting wage of \$10.00 per hour. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

**TREASURER**

Treasurer Cheryl Lippold reported that Treasurer's Office employee Charlott Blanton's son and his family live in Greenburg, Kansas, where the tornado wiped out 95% of the town on May 6, 2007.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 10-minute Executive Session on pending litigation with the three Commissioners, County Clerk Debbie Parker and JCAB/ACC Director Venice Sloan present. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Closed 10:52 a.m. Opened 11:02 a.m. No binding action was taken.

**NEKCAP**

The Commissioners visited with NEKCAP Director Linda Schilling.

**COURTHOUSE BASEMENT STAIRS**

The Commissioners requested that Custodian Buzz Siebenmorgen lengthen the east railing on the Courthouse basement stairs and reverse the door at the top of that stairway.

**MASONIC LODGE**

At the request of the Commissioners a tour of the Masonic Lodge Building was given by Venice Sloan JJA/ACC Director.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday May 14, 2007.