

June 18, 2007

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: 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. Commissioner Warren Ploeger opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. Chairman Steve Roberts joined the meeting at 9:50 am.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker discussed out-of-county inmate housing fees.

Sheriff Shoemaker, County Attorney Kevin Hill and Treanor Architects representative Dan Rowe discussed the existing jail building problems and what it would take to correct the problems. According to Rowe, there would be no way to solve the problems in the existing facility. Shoemaker reported that the present jail was built in 1929 and remodeled in 1980. Building a 30,000 square foot seventy-two bed facility is being considered; the cost of such a facility would be approximately six million dollars. Site selection would be critical for convenience to the courthouse and for possible future expansion. Rowe reported that grants or low-interest loans would be considered but that both are now hard to acquire.

PLATINUM INVESTMENTS

Melissa Maas, Platinum Investments, explained her company's services. The Commissioners initially declined the services, but when approached a second time, directed Maas to contact the County after Labor Day.

KICKAPOO CHIP AND SEAL

Kickapoo Tribe representative John Thomas discussed chip and seal on Goldfinch Road.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION HEARING

Brown County resident Rick Clement reported that due to an early construction start by his contractor on his Neighborhood Revitalization project, he did not have his paperwork in on time. Clement requested that the Commissioners overturn the Appraiser's denial of his Neighborhood Revitalization application on this project. The matter will be reviewed when the entire Commission is present.

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

Commission Chairman Steve Roberts joined the meeting at this point. He had accompanied the group giving a tour of Hiawatha City to the board members of the molded fiberglass company that is considering Hiawatha as a business site.

NEIGHORHOOD REVITALIZTION HEARING RULING

Motion by Glen Leitch to deny the Neighborhood Revitalization rebate for the 2006 taxes to Randee Ingram due to the fact she was instructed last year to notify her bank to pay her taxes on time. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Ingram did not attend today's scheduled hearing.

NEIGHORHOOD REVITALIZTION HEARING RULING

Deputy Appraiser Paula Jones discussed Rick Clement's Neighborhood Revitalization appeal. The program requires the application to be submitted before construction is started and because other applications have been denied for this reason, motion by Warren Ploeger to deny Rick Clement's request for Neighborhood Revitalization project. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

CD BID OPENING

Brown County Treasurer Cheryl Lippold was present for the bid opening of a \$100,000 CD currently held at Union State Bank. Bids were as follows: Union State Bank with a bid of 4.98%; Citizens State Bank with a bid of 4.25%; and Morrill & Janes Bank with a bid of 5.17%. All bids were for 365 days.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the Morrill & Janes Bank bid of 5.17%. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried

Lippold presented a sample of the new State of Kansas license plates, which will be issued when the current supply of old style plates are used up.

LIQUOR LICENSE

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the Roberts BBQ & Country Cabin liquor license. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

COMPUTER DIRECTOR

Sandy Carter, Computer Director, requested permission to purchase a rack mount console, at a cost of approximately \$2,175.00. Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the request for the purchase. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the June 11, 2007 minutes. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

CITY OF HIAWATHA'S 150th ANNIVERSARY

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the requests of the Hiawatha Chamber of Commerce and the Brown County Genealogical Society in regards to the City of Hiawatha's 150th Anniversary Celebration on June 30, 2007. Both groups requested use of the Courthouse building and/or grounds. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE WINDOW REPLACEMENT/SAFETY HARNESS

Courthouse Custodian Buzz Siebenmorgen discussed the Courthouse replacement windows. Siebenmorgen stated that there needed be a way to wash the outside of the windows. Siebenmorgen also questioned what kind of window treatments would be used after the replacement windows are installed.

The Commissioners instructed Siebenmorgen to purchase and always use a safety harness whenever he is on the outside of the second and third floor windows or working from the courthouse roof.

CELL PHONE ALLOWANCE

Motion by Warren Ploeger to pay a cell phone allowance, through the County Payroll, of \$20.00 per month to Custodian Buzz Siebenmorgen, as his personal cell is also being used for County business. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

JCAB/ACC

JCAB/ACC Director Venice Sloan discussed monies awarded to the JCAB and ACC Departments.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m. The next meeting will be held Monday June 25, 2007.