

July 16, 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.

Commissioner Warren Ploeger opened the meeting at 7:45 a.m.

Commissioner Steve Roberts joined the meeting at 7:55 a.m.

RESCUE SQUAD

Rescue Squad President Jason Pavlish reported on the possible purchase of a 1989 rescue vehicle from Hebron Nebraska at an approximate price of \$35,000.00. The Commissioners requested that Pavlish review the Rescue Squad's finances and report back.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker reported on a rollover accident north of Horton during the last weekend.

Shoemaker also discussed the first steps in the construction of a new correctional facility.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to pursue the investigation of the construction of a new correctional facility.

Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to retain Gilmore & Bell as the bonding agent for the construction of the new correctional facility. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to authorize Gilmore & Bell to establish a six member public building commission, with each Commissioner recommending two potential members to be appointed to the building commission. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY BUDGET HEARING

Services for the Elderly Director Steve Ward presented the proposed 2008 Services for the Elderly Budget of \$164,565, less reimbursements of \$50,514, resulting in a total budget of \$114,051.

NOXIOUS WEED BUDGET HEARING

Noxious Weed Director George Bruning discussed the proposed 2008 Noxious Weed Budget of \$132,100.

RESCUE SQUAD

Rescue Squad President Jason Pavlish reported that the Rescue Squad has available funds of approximately \$2,000.00. Motion by Glen Leitch to authorize the Rescue Squad to make an offer of \$33,000 on the rescue vehicle previously discussed. Pavlish phoned the vehicle owner, who accepted the offer.

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the expenditure of \$33,000.00 for the purchase of a 1989 rescue vehicle, to be paid from the Commissioner's fund. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

CENTURY HEALTH

Lisa Welch, Century Health, presented the Brown County employee insurance quarterly review for 2007.

Both medical and dental quarterly claims were reviewed.

TREASURER BUDGET HEARING

Treasurer Cheryl Lippold presented the proposed 2008 Brown County Treasurer Budget of \$177,288.

Lippold reported that Fraud Training is now required for all employees issuing Kansas Driver's licenses.

The training is scheduled for August 22 and 23, 2007. The Commissioners suggested that Lippold notify the public of the closing of the Treasurer's office for one day for the mandatory training, so that all employees could attend the training.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUDGET HEARING

Helen Sourk, Jere Bruning and Donna Thonen, Historical Society Board, discussed the proposed 2008 Historical Society Budget of \$17,000. Sourk reported on the past year's activities.

SOLID WASTE BUDGET HEARING

Solid Waste Operator Charlie Brockhoff discussed the proposed 2008 Solid Waste Budget of \$527,823. Solid Waste employee Phil Close submitted his letter of resignation effective August 31, 2007.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING

Brad Swearingen, Margaret Kanel, Brad Reschke, Ed Winter, Mark Meyer and Bruce Knudson, Conservation District Board of Directors, presented the proposed 2008 Conservation District Budget of \$22,500. Conservation Agent Matt Sprick was also present for the discussion.

RDA

RDA Director Nancy Gafford, Board Members Jerry Gifford, Lu Hangle, Lynne Ladner and Doug Allen, presented the 2008 proposed budget for \$30,000 for the RDA (Rural Developmental Association).

REGISTER OF DEEDS BUDGET HEARING

Register of Deeds Nellie Brockhoff discussed the proposed 2008 Register of Deeds Budget of \$65,574.

COMPUTER BUDGET HEARING

Computer Department Director Sandy Carter presented the proposed 2008 Computer Budget of \$147,040.

PRELIMINARY 2006 AUDIT

The Commission reviewed the 2006 Preliminary audit.

CLERK/ELECTION/JANITOR/COMMISSIONERS/ROAD & BRIDGE BUDGET HEARINGS

County Clerk/Election Officer Debbie Parker discussed the following proposed budgets for 2008:

County Clerk Budget of \$104,250.

Election Budget of \$82,200; there will be four elections in 2008, including the Presidential Election.

Janitor Budget of \$413,800, with \$200,000 included for replacing the Courthouse windows.

Commissioners Budget of \$478,850.

Road & Bridge Budget of \$2,174,700, which is the combined budget for all three districts.

MINUTES

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the July 11, 2007 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

HUSKER STEEL

Chris Edelman of Husker Steel dropped in for a visit.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m. The next meeting will be held Monday July 23, 2007.