

## **July 23, 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. Steve Roberts opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

### **PAYROLL**

The July 18, 2007 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$43,346.18
Road & Bridge	13,997.11
Election	1,149.77
Appraiser	3,232.00
Noxious Weed	1,583.55
JCAB	6,229.60
Diversion	934.00
JJ Prevention	1,474.15
ACC	6,767.41
Services for Elderly	2,602.46
Solid Waste	2,474.91
Court Trustee	6,811.67
Special MVT	948.43
Employee Ben FICA	5,099.26
Employee Ben KPERS	3,108.06
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-207.76
Insurance	-5,928.05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$93,622.75</b>

### **TRANSFER STATION INTERVIEW**

Transfer Station Director Charles Brockhoff was present for the interview of Carol Hanrahan for a position at the Brown County Transfer Station. Motion by Steve Roberts to accept the recommendation of Brockhoff to hire Carol Hanrahan as a part-time employee at the Transfer Station starting August 1, 2007. Hanrahan will be training during the month of August. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Motion by Glen Leitch to accept the resignation letter of Phil Close, part-time Transfer Station employee, effective August 31, 2007. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

### **ROAD FOREMAN**

Road Foreman Herb Roland discussed the road oiling season, which was finished July 20, 2007.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker reported four possible arson fires of 77 hay bales during the past weekend. A new ATV law was discussed, with All Terrain Vehicles being illegal in small cities. The 2008 Sheriff's budget was discussed. Overtime and on call pay in the department was discussed. The total budget is a total of \$37,000.00 over last years.

### **TREASURER**

Treasurer Cheryl Lippold reported on a taxpayer who is upset as her name will be published in a newspaper due to unpaid taxes. The property had been sold and the new owner has not paid the taxes, which were prorated. The name must be published according to State Statute.

### **MOLDED FIBER GLASS**

City Administrator Lynne Ladner and Economic Development Director Marian Tubach presented information on MFG (Molded Fiber Glass), a company who will possibly be locating a new manufacturing plant in Hiawatha. The final decision will be made sometime after July 25, 2007. MFG would like to have Phase 1 completed by January 2008, with Phase 2 being ready by May 8, 2008. Over 460 letter of interest have been submitted to MFG from prospective employees in Brown County.

### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

County Attorney Kevin Hill discussed on call pay for the Sheriff's Department. Hill will look into the matter but did not think that a salaried employee could be paid on call pay.

Treasurer Cheryl Lippold explained the taxpayer problem discussed earlier. Hill said to publish the new owner's name as the deed had been filed.

Commissioner Ploeger questioned whether it is legal for Brown County to chip and seal the Horton Lake Road. This is a City of Horton road but the residents are not city residents. Hill recommended there be a motion which list the responsibilities of both the City of Horton and Brown County in regards to the road.

### **EXTENSION/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Extension/Emergency Management Director Steve Brown tendered his resignation as Director, effective September 5, 2007. Brown has accepted a position with the University of Alaska as Agriculture Extension Agent.

Brown is meeting the Extension Board on Wednesday and questioned whether the County would like to advertise the Emergency Management as a part of the Extension Agent Position.

### **CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE**

Motion by Steve Roberts to send the Advisory Recommendation to Irving Township for their approval for the White Cloud Casino Cereal Malt Beverage Application. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

### **BURIED CABLE PERMIT**

Buried cable permit #07-06 for Embarq was approved and signed.

### **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REVIEW**

Nancy Gafford presented the Brown-Nemaha Solid Waste Management Review minutes of July 16, 2007. Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

### **MINUTES**

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the July 16, 2007 minutes. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

### **HIGHWAY 36 ASSOCIATION**

Larry Brown, Highway 36 Association, discussed possible upgrades and promotions for Highway 36 in Kansas.

Brown is asking each of the thirteen Counties on Highway 36 to provide \$2,000.00 for a study by the Docking Institute. The study would show the economic benefits if Highway 36 would become a four lane highway. Eight Counties have agreed to the proposition.

### **BUDGET 2008**

The 2008 Brown County Budget requests were reviewed and the preliminary figures will be sent to CPA Jim Scherer.

### **OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE**

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the Occupational License for Sac & Fox Casino. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.  
Adjourned 1:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday July 30, 2007, to approve month  
end bills.