

August 13, 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.

MINUTES

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the August 6, 2007 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker and Extension Agent Jennifer Ploeger discussed a Hazard Flood Mitigation Plan. Shoemaker said that there is a grant available which would cover 100% of the cost. Motion by Steve Roberts for Jennifer Ploeger to apply for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, funded by the State of Kansas. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

In other business, Shoemaker questioned whether meals would be reimbursed for two deputies who will travel to Mississippi to bring a prisoner back to Brown County. County Clerk Debbie Parker stated that since the deputies will be gone more than 24 hours, meals would be reimbursed according to the personnel policy.

Also discussed was the Morrill Days Celebration during the past weekend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Glen Leitch for a 10 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, County Clerk Debbie Parker, Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn and County Attorney Kevin Hill present. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Closed 8:50 a.m. Opened 9:00 a.m. No binding action was taken.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Kevin Hill discussed the 2006 Financial Audit recommendations. Glen Leitch reported on the progress of the Horton Lake Road oiling project contract between Brown County and Horton City. Also discussed was the speed limit on the road south of the Lighthouse Guesthouse, located on the south edge of Hiawatha.

9-1-1 RESOLUTION

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve Resolution #07-11, which continues the 9-1-1 surcharge for another year. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

CD BIDS

County Treasurer Cheryl Lippold was present for the bid opening of a \$200,000.00 CD currently held at Union State Bank. The bids are as follows: Union State Bank with a bid of 5.13%; and Morrill & Janes Bank with a bid of 4.97%.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the Union State Bank bid of 5.13%. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 10 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, County Clerk Debbie Parker and Brown County Bridge employee Orrel Berry. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Closed 9:47 a.m. Opened 9:57 a.m.

Brown County Bridge employee Orrel Berry gave his verbal resignation effective immediately. The Commissioners accepted the resignation.

COMPUTERS

Computer Director Sandy Carter reported that she will be working this week to prepare approximately seven old County computers for the website auction.

A letter of request was received from the Brown County Genealogical Society, a non-profit organization. The Society requested they be considered as a recipient for a donation of an old computer, when one is available from Brown County. Motion by Warren Ploeger to authorize Sandy Carter to prepare a computer for donation to the Brown County Genealogical Society, a non-profit organization. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

HIAWATHA CITY

Hiawatha City Mayor Crosby Gernon and City Administrator Lynne Ladner requested the County Commissioners presence at a future meeting with the Molded Fiber Glass representatives. The Commissioners will be contacted at a later time with the final details of the meeting.

DOVES

Sherry Dunn and John Settich, DOVES Representatives, explained the DOVES program, which helps families of domestic violence. An allocation of \$5,000.00 was requested from Brown County. A sexual assault advocate and a domestic violence advocate have recently been added the staff. No decision was made on the requested funding.

ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE

County Clerk Debbie Parker presented requested information on the Brown County Historical Society Museum's elevator maintenance. Warren Ploeger requested Parker to contact the County's insurance to determine if an annual inspection of the museum elevator would suffice.

CUSTODIAN

Custodian Buzz Siebenmorgen discussed purchasing an AquaClean Self-Contained Extractor for cleaning carpets, at a cost of approximately \$1,775.00. Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the purchase. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

Also discussed were two trees on the Courthouse lawn, one which was cut down last week and another which Siebenmorgen was instructed to cut down this week if possible.

Motion by Glen Leitch to adjourn. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday August 20, 2007.