

## **October 15, 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.

### **PAYROLL**

The October 10, 2007 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$44,730.95
Road & Bridge	10,497.70
Election	1,149.77
Appraiser	3,232.00
Noxious Weed	1,136.98
JCAB	4,909.07
Diversions	420.00
JJ Prevention	1,466.67
ACC	5,077.02
Services for Elderly	2,752.58
Solid Waste	2,549.98
Court Trustee	5,266.17
Special MVT	944.00
Employee Ben FICA	4,851.46
Employee Ben KPERS	3,313.67
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-221.95
Insurance	-2,948.11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$89,127.96</b>

### **ROAD FOREMAN**

Road Foreman Mel Werner reported projects for the upcoming week.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker discussed IRS regulations regarding cell phones/service benefits provided by the County. The IRS states that a cell phone is a benefit when personal calls are made on a County provided phone. Options to comply with the IRS include stipends paid to the employee through the payroll program. Shoemaker reported on a suspect in the recent burglaries in Brown County.

### **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

County Attorney Kevin Hill discussed a potential fence viewing with Commissioner Ploeger.

### **MINUTES**

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the October 8, 2007 minutes. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

### **REGISTER OF DEEDS**

Register of Deeds Nellie Brockhoff requested permission to have four real estate transfer books, handwritten from the 1860's, scanned and bound to preserve the records. The Commissioners asked that Brockhoff look into a way to preserve the leather binding of the book.

### **COURTHOUSE VINTAGE CHAIRS**

The Commissioners viewed the refinishing results of six vintage wooden courthouse chairs by Mike Enneking and have decided to have more of the chairs refinished by Enneking.

#### **MAPPING AWARD**

Teresa Clements, Appraiser Cartographer, accepted on Brown County's behalf, an Outstanding Mapping Award at the annual conference of the Kansas Association of Mappers.

#### **BRIDGE PROJECTS #7C-4027-01 & #7C-4028-01**

Motion by Warren Ploeger to appoint Steve Roberts as the elected and duly authorized representative of the Brown County Commission for Bridge Projects #7C-4027-01 and #7C-4028-01. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

After the evaluations were completed, a motion was made by Glen Leitch to appoint BG Consultants as engineers on Bridge Projects #7C-4027-01 & #7C-4028-01. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

#### **CD BID OPENING**

Treasurer Cheryl Lippold was present for the bid opening of a \$100,000 CD currently held at Morrill & Janes Bank. Bids were as follows: Union State Bank with a bid of 4.52% for 371 days; and Morrill & Janes Bank with a bid of 4.73% for 371 days.

Motion by Glen Leitch to accept the Morrill & Janes Bank bid of 4.73%. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION REBATE**

Treasurer Cheryl Lippold questioned whether a taxpayer enrolled in the Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate program should receive the rebate when their taxes were paid late.

Motion by Steve Roberts for the Treasurer to not pay the Rebate for this year, as the taxes were not paid in full by May 10. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

#### **3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR LOBBY WIRING**

Custodian Buzz Siebenmorgen and District Court Clerk Lela Smith explained the need for a public access computer at the East end of the Third Floor Courthouse Lobby. Currently, public access is in the District Court Clerk's office, which causes congestion in the office.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the installation of electrical and computer wiring in the third floor lobby of the Courthouse. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

#### **REGISTER OF DEEDS**

Register of Deeds Nellie Brockhoff presented costs of re-binding the 1860's books. A canvas slipcover would be used to further protect the books. The books would be scanned onto a CD for daily use. No decision was made.

Motion by Glen Leitch to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Adjourned 11:22 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday October 22, 2007.