

October 29, 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 October 24, 2007 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$43,707.13
Road & Bridge	10,419.53
Election	1,149.77
Appraiser	3,232.00
Noxious Weed	1,190.81
JCAB	7,242.32
Diversions	378.00
JJ Prevention	1,943.29
ACC	6,809.83
Services for Elderly	2,773.58
Solid Waste	2,426.89
Court Trustee	3,408.14
Special MVT	3,642.30
Employee Ben FICA	4,997.62
Employee Ben KPERS	3,412.46
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-224.44
Insurance	-5,925.51
TOTAL	\$90,583.72

SHERIFF

Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker reported that inmate transport expenses for this year have totaled \$25,000.00, with two months remaining in 2007. Also discussed were vehicle thefts and a train/truck collision. Emergency Management Director Jennifer Ploeger and Shoemaker discussed grants for Hazardous Mitigation Plan and County Personnel ID's.

DIESEL GENERATOR

Commissioner Steve Roberts reported on the purchase of a diesel generator from Capital Equipment Company at a cost of \$5,900.00. Included in the deal was a gas generator, air compressor and a pressure washer.

COURTHOUSE MEMORIAL

Commissioner Steve Roberts has been contacted by Terry Jameson of the Legion Riders regarding a memorial to military POW's and those Killed in Action. The memorial would be designed by an architect and possibly be placed on the north side of the Courthouse.

BROWN COUNTY FAIR BOARD

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the appointment of Dusty Wenger to the Brown County Fair Board from District 3. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

COUNTY CELL PHONES

County provided cell phones are considered a taxable benefit by the IRS. Options for employee use of County cell phones were discussed. One option is to pay employees a stipend towards the employee's own cell phone. No decision was made.

KEYSTONE PIPELINE UPDATE

Jim Prescott, Keystone Pipeline, presented an update on the Keystone Pipeline Project. The pipeline will be approximately 2,200 miles long. The regulatory process/land easement part of the project has been worked on for the past 2 ½ years. The pipeline will run through three provinces in Canada as well as North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Illinois in the United States. Construction will begin in 2008 with the pipeline arriving in Brown County sometime during 2009. Brown County land acquisition will begin later this year and continue through 2008. The Keystone pipeline will closely follow the Rockies Express Pipeline currently in Brown County. Various members of the public were present for the update.

BG CONSULTANTS

Tom Bennett, BG Consultants, presented Project #7C-4212-01 mylar map for signatures. Also discussed possible funding for repairs on Old 36 Highway east of Hiawatha.

RESOLUTION #07-13

Motion by Steve Roberts to adopt Resolution #07-13 in support of the Hiawatha City Street-Scaping Project Phase 2. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

HALLOWEEN COURTHOUSE OPENING

Motion by Glen Leitch to allow use of the Courthouse 1st Floor restrooms and the Courthouse Square for use in the Halloween festivities on October 31, 2007. The Courthouse will be open from approximately 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the October 22, 2007 minutes. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at

11:23 a.m. The next meeting will be held Wednesday October 31, 2007, to approve the month end bills.