

November 26, 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 November 21, 2007 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$44,534.47
Road & Bridge	10,342.20
Election	5,822.37
Appraiser	3,232.00
Noxious Weed	835.20
JCAB	7,350.14
Diversion	378.00
JJ Prevention	1,045.08
ACC	6,487.32
Services for Elderly	2,684.58
Solid Waste	2,900.74
Court Trustee	3,687.19
Special MVT	944.00
Employee Ben FICA	5,230.66
Employee Ben KPERS	3,669.05
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-211.36
Insurance	-6,270.83
TOTAL	\$92,660.81

EXTENSION

Extension Agent Jennifer Ploeger and Extension Board President Jeff Grimm reported that Matt Young had been hired as the new Extension Agent to replace former agent Steve Brown. The Extension Board recommended that Jennifer Ploeger be appointed as the permanent Emergency Management Director. Motion by Steve Roberts to appoint Jennifer Ploeger as Brown County Emergency Management Director, starting January 1, 2008. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried, with Warren Ploeger abstaining from the vote. Jennifer Ploeger is currently the interim Emergency Management Director.

ROAD EQUIPMENT

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the Martin Tractor Company bid of \$129,357.00 for a wheel loader for Road District 3. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Bids were also received from Victor L Phillips Company and Berry Tractor & Equipment Company. Road Foreman Mel Werner was present for the wheel loader discussion.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker discussed financial options in regards to construction of the proposed correctional facility. Six community members have agreed to serve on the Public Building Commission for the facility.

Commissioner Leitch questioned why citizens were being given speeding tickets for 66 mph in a 65 mph zone, as reported in the newspaper. Shoemaker stated that fines for speeding are very high and the Deputies were giving the citizens a break by reporting the speed as 66 instead of the actual speed, which is recorded on the back of the ticket.

MINUTES

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the November 19, 2007 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

NOXIOUS WEED

Noxious Weed Director George Bruning discussed the Household Hazardous Waste Program.

HIAWATHA TOWNSHIP BOARD

Motion by Glen Leitch to accept the recommendation of the Hiawatha Township board to appoint Jim Oldridge to fill the vacancy, due to the death of Wayne Knabe, on the Hiawatha Township Board. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

TAX CHANGE ORDERS

Tax change orders #07-17 through #07-23 were approved and signed.

DRUG TESTING BIDS

Drug testing bids, for Brown County employees with CDL's were reviewed. Bids were received from KONZA and TMHC Services, Inc. No action was taken at this time.

COUNTY RAISES

Brown County employee raises for 2008 were discussed.

Motion by Glen Leitch to grant all full time and part time employees fifty cents per hour for the year of 2008. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried, with Commissioner Ploeger voting nay as he wanted the vote to be held at the November 30th meeting, after contacting JCAB/ACC Board President Steve Davies.

LEON TRANT

Hiawatha Citizen Leon Trant stopped by for a visit.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:01

a.m. The next meeting will be held Friday November 30, 2007, to approve the month end bills.