

## **January 9, 2006**

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Warren Ploeger, Steve Roberts and Glen Leitch. Also present was County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn. Assistant County Attorney Don Cashman was present for a portion of the meeting.

Warren Ploeger opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

### **PAYROLL**

The January 4, 2006 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$42,808.97
Road & Bridge	10,798.11
Election	205.77
Appraiser	2,712.00
Noxious Weed	922.43
JCAB	5,690.74
Diversion	369.00
ACC	3,787.96
Services for Elderly	2,534.09
Solid Waste	2,217.51
Court Trustee	6,804.07
Special MVT	904.00
Employee Ben FICA	4,464.83
Employee Ben KPERS	2,639.92
TOTAL	\$86,859.40

### **SERVICES FOR ELDERLY**

Services for the Elderly Director Steve Ward reported that Services for the Elderly employee Greg Ramirez has retired effective December 30, 2005. Paul Pickerill has been hired to fill this vacancy.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker discussed prisoner transports, juvenile detention and hiring a part-time employee for the jail. Shoemaker reported that Brown County Deputies had helped to cover Nemaha County during the funeral for Nemaha County Sheriff Dave Mee last week.

### **LAKOTA TRAIL**

Assistant County Attorney Don Cashman reviewed the plat of Lakota Trail to determine maintenance of the road. Cashman's interpretation was that the plat declared Lakota Trail as public use, which legally means the road must be public access and should be maintained by Hiawatha Township. Roberts will contact Dennis Lenon, owner of the platted area, as to his intentions regarding the road status.

### **ELECTION LOCATIONS/EQUIPMENT**

Fairview Mayor Charles Rogers and citizens from both Walnut Township and Powhattan Township were present to voice their concerns over possible election location consolidation, due to federal mandates. The group felt that all present County voting locations should remain open, with the equipment cost being paid for by raising taxes. Also suggested was the possibility that the townships and/or cities could help defray the costs of the election equipment in their locations. County Election Officer Debbie Parker is hopeful that the Kansas Legislature will approve "early voting" in all Kansas Counties.

### **2006 COMMISSION CHAIRMAN**

Motion by Glen Leitch to appoint Warren Ploeger as 2006 Brown County Commission Chairman.  
Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #06-01**

Motion by Steve Roberts to accept Resolution #06-01, appointing Warren Ploeger as 2006 Brown County Commission Chairman. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #06-02**

Motion by Glen Leitch to accept Resolution #06-02, approving Citizens State Bank and Morrill & Janes Bank as checking/investment banks for 2006 and approving Silver Lake Bank, Hiawatha National Bank, Horton National Bank, Farmers State Bank, United Bank of Kansas and Union State Bank as investment banks for 2006. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #06-03**

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept Resolution #06-03, designating the Hiawatha World as the 2006 Brown County official newspaper, with legal publications also being published in the Horton Headlight. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

**CREDIT CARD POLICY**

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve a Credit Card Policy for Brown County, to be included in the Brown County Employee Personnel Policy. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #06-04**

Motion by Steve Roberts to accept Resolution #06-04, which approved the 2006 Brown County Personnel Policy. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #06-05**

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept Resolution #06-05, approving the GAAP Waiver auditing procedures for Brown County. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

**HIAWATHA TOWNSHIP**

Hiawatha Township Trustee David Pfister discussed the maintenance of Lakota Trail.

**TAX ORDERS**

Tax orders #05-37 through #05-44 and #05-46 were approved and signed.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the January 3, 2006 minutes. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

**DISTRICT CORONER**

Judge James Patton announced the appointment of Dr. Byron Bigham of Hiawatha as District Coroner. This appointment was approved by Marshall County on January 6, 2006.

**COURTHOUSE**

Commissioners Steve Roberts and Glen Leitch accompanied Custodian Buzz Siebenmorgen on a tour of the Courthouse Basement and First Floor.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 17, 2006.