

## **July 17, 2006**

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

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

### **SERVICES FOR ELDERLY**

Services for the Elderly Director Steve Ward presented the 2007 Services for the Elderly budget for \$108,850.00 after reimbursements.

### **SHERIFF**

Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker discussed problems with the Sheriff's Department vehicles. Shoemaker also discussed the NIMS class he is certified to teach. Various nearby counties have asked Shoemaker to teach the class for their areas.

### **NOXIOUS WEED**

Noxious Weed Director George Bruning requested \$128,240.00 for the 2007 Noxious Weed Department.

### **ROAD & BRIDGE**

Road & Bridge Secretary Linda Lierz discussed the Road & Bridge Department 2007 budget requested at \$1,612,877.00. The budget could be changed due to the possibility of two new energy plants being built in Brown County, which could need extensive road construction to provide access to the facilities.

### **REGISTER OF DEEDS/COMPUTER**

Register of Deeds Sandy Carter presented the Register of Deeds 2007 budget at a cost of \$74,726.00. The budget includes a request for part-time help for three days a week as backup for both the Register of Deeds and the Computer funds.

The 2007 Computer budget was presented and is requested at \$102,860.00.

### **HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Brown County Historical Society Board members Helen Sourk, Jere Bruning, Donna Thonen, Dennis Greer and Larry Kneisel discussed the 2007 budget of \$15,000.00 for the Historical Society. Sourk requested that Brown County provide an elevator maintenance check once a year for the elevator in the Brown County Historical Society Museum.

### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Health Department Director Karla Harter and Cynthia Cluck presented the 2007 budget of \$48,620.00 for the Brown County Health Department.

### **CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**

Brown County Conservation Board Members Ed Winter, Brad Swearingen, Mark Meyer, Jane Snyder, Matt Sprick and Margaret Kanel discussed the 2007 budget of \$22,500.00 for Conservation funding.

### **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REVIEW**

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the Brown-Nemaha County Solid Waste Management review. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

### **RDA**

RDA (Rural Development Association) Director Nancy Gafford and RDA Board members Doug Allen and Ken Herbster presented the 2007 budget of \$30,000.00 for the RDA. This is the same amount that has been requested from Nemaha County.

#### **COUNTY TREASURER**

County Treasurer Cheryl Lippold discussed the Treasurer's 2007 budget of \$163,387.00. The reduction is due to one employee being paid 9 months of her salary from the Special MVT fund.

#### **NEK-SEN**

Gary Edelman, Bob Scoby, Matt Crouse, and Kurt Grimm, NEK-SEN Representatives presented the Commission with a cost benefit analysis for the proposed ethanol plant, with the planned location being near Reserve, Kansas. Various other concerns and issues were discussed and reviewed with County Attorney, Kevin Hill.

#### **MINUTES**

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the July 3, 2006 minutes. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Warren Ploeger abstained from voting due to his absence from that meeting.

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the July 10, 2006 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Steve Roberts abstained from voting due to his absence from that meeting.

#### **BURIED CABLE PERMITS**

Buried cable permits #06-08 and #06-09 for Embarq were approved and signed.

#### **TAX CHANGE ORDERS**

Tax change orders #05-118 through #05-122 were approved and signed.

#### **COMMISSIONERS/COUNTY CLERK**

The Commission and County Clerk Debbie Parker reviewed the Commissioner's budget, the County Clerk's, Employee Benefit, Janitor's and Election Budget requests. The Commissioners 2007 budget request of \$340,180; Clerk's request of \$103,350; Employee Benefit budget of \$837,000; Janitor's budget of \$237,305; and Election of \$72,100. Employee benefits and issues were discussed.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held Monday, July 24, 2006.