

July 31, 2006

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Warren Ploeger, Glen Leitch and Steve Roberts. Also present were County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn. Warren Ploeger opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

The Commissioners approved the following claims: (County Attorney Kevin Hill previously approved the claims)

001 General	62,234.86
101 Junior College	372.00
103 Road & Bridge	358,592.92
123 Historical Society	1,041.66
125 Employee Benefit	512.23
127 Election	1,185.79
129 Extension	6,250.00
133 Mental Retardation	2,254.33
141 Conservation	5,125.00
143 Appraiser	5,263.09
145 Ambulance	6,666.66
147 Noxious Weed	4,863.26
148 JAI	638.63
150 JCAB	2,122.65
151 Alcohol	6,807.96
152 Sheriff Drug Forfeiture	2,496.99
157 911 Fund	1,973.67
158 Atty Drug Forfeiture	1,107.00
162 JJ Prevention	236.60
165 ACC	1,038.08
201 Services for Elderly	6,048.58
211 Solid Waste	11,148.08
909 Payroll	42,378.01
915 Court Trustee	1,612.92
Total	531,970.97

SHERIFF

Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker presented a statistical report on arrests in Brown County compared to neighboring counties.

Shoemaker reported that Sheriff Department employee Linda Scheuerman has a doctor's release to return to work.

BIO-ENERGY

Bio-Energy Representatives Steve Smith, Crosby Gernon, Terry Reschke, Gene Hillyer, Chuck Bebermeyer, Victor Menold and Bob Henry presented a letter of understanding between Brown County and Northeast Kansas Bioenergy, LCC. Steve Roberts would like to see a consolidated 5-year tax break instead

of the proposed 10-year plan. The Bioenergy group was not opposed to the 5-year plan. The State Board of Tax Appeals allows for a 10-year plan. The County can only recommend to approve the plan. Warren Ploeger feels the 10-year plan would be best for the group. The group discussed an exploration of water project with the City of Hiawatha. The water supply for the City of Hiawatha would not be jeopardized. Also discussed was the consumption of natural gas, sewer and electricity. The Railroad commitment decision will be made on August 21. The group foresees the area becoming an industrial park with another business already expressing interest in the area.

NEK/SEN

NEK/SEN (Northeast Kansas/Southeast Nebraska) Representatives Gary Edelman, Bob Scoby, Doug Allen, Dan Kopp, Bryan Poppe, Wayne Grimm, Kirk Grimm and Mark Edelman; and RDA Representative Virginia Dienstbier, presented a letter of understanding between Brown County and NEK-SEN Energy, LLC. An Economic Development Loan Grant was discussed. Steve Roberts questioned why the Bioenergy Group and the NEK-SEN Group cannot be combined. A proposal to combine the groups will be reviewed by NEK/SEN this afternoon. Water, sewer, electricity, natural gas and the railroad was also discussed.

BURIED CABLE PERMIT

Buried cable permit #06-11 for Embarq was approved and signed.

ACC LETTER

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the personnel letter requested by Venice Sloan. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the July 24, 2006 minutes. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Roberts. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next meeting will be held Friday August 4, 2006 to canvass the votes of the August 1, 2006 Primary Election.