

August 4, 2006

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in Special Session as provided by KSA 25-3101 as a Canvassing Board to canvass the returns from the August 1, 2006 Primary Election. The following members were present: Warren Ploeger, Glen Leitch and Steve Roberts. Also present was County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn.

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

CANVASSING BALLOTS

The August 1, 2006 Primary Election voting records were canvassed. There were 18 provisional ballots. Following State Statutes, 16 provisional ballots were counted and 2 provisional ballots were not counted. Election Officer Debbie Parker reported an 18 per cent voter turnout.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the August 1, 2006 Primary Election canvass. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the canvassing meeting by Glen Leitch, seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

Warren Ploeger re-opened the meeting for a regular session at 10:00 a.m., with the same people present as above.

2007 BROWN COUNTY BUDGET

CPA Jim Scherer was present for a review of the proposed 2007 Brown County budget. The estimated mill levy for the 2007 budget is 40.221%, which is lower than the 2006 mill levy.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the Brown County 2007 Budget for publication. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 5-minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, County Attorney Kevin Hill, JCAB/ACC Director Venice Sloan and County Clerk Debbie Parker present. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Closed 10:35 a.m. Opened 10:40 a.m. No binding action was taken.

BIOENERGY

Bioenergy representatives Crosby Gernon and Gene Hillyer presented an update on the proposed Bioenergy plant. A possible 10-year graduated tax abatement was discussed. A preliminary site in Brown County has been selected with a 4 to 6 week time frame for permits to be obtained. Test holes for water are presently being drilled and preliminary engineering is under way at present.

NEK-SEN

The NEK-SEN letter of understanding, which was presented last Monday, was reviewed and edited by County Attorney Kevin Hill. Regarding the tax abatements, Hill reminded the Commission that Brown County would be responsible for determining the percentage and the number of years of the tax abatement, with the Kansas Board of Tax Appeals denying or granting the abatement. Hill stated that both entities need to be treated the same in regards to the tax abatement.

Hill will present identical letters for approval for both entities at the August 7, 2006 meeting.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Adjourned 11:40 am. The next meeting will be Monday August 7, 2006.