

August 21, 2006

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Warren Ploeger and Glen Leitch. Also present was County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn.

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

PAYROLL

The August 16, 2006 payroll was approved as follows:

General	40,605.32
Road & Bridge	11,585.63
Election	1,321.65
Appraiser	2,712.00
Noxious Weed	1,418.91
JCAB	7,146.12
Diversion	760.00
JJ Prevention	516.72
ACC	4,443.96
Services for Elderly	2,699.96
Solid Waste	1,942.50
Court Trustee	4,678.34
Employer Ben FICA	4,434.59
Employer Ben KPERS	2,487.76
County Share Insurance	28,699.56
TOTAL	115,453.02

SHERIFF

Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker reported on the two-car double fatality accident on Highway 75 south of Fairview last week. Also discussed was selecting a September date for a 3-hour NIMS (National Incident Management System) Class for Brown County.

MOWER BID OPENING

Road & Bridge Foremen Richard Geiger, Mel Werner and Herb Roland were present for a disc mower bid opening. The bids were as follows: Hiawatha Implement with a bid of \$5,200.00; Skyview Equipment with a bid of \$4,650.00 (on a heavy-duty model); Skyview Equipment with a bid of \$3,800.00; and Henry Brothers with a bid of \$6,200.00.

The Road Foremen will review the bids and make a recommendation to the Commissioners at a later date.

TAX CHANGE ORDERS

Tax Changer Orders #05-124, #05-125 and #05-127 were approved and signed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 5-minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the two Commissioners, County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn present. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Closed 8:55 a.m. Opened 9:00 a.m. No binding action was taken.

MINUTES

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the August 14, 2006 minutes. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

HIAWATHA BRIDGE LAKE PROJECT

Hiawatha City Zoning Director Malcolm Grier discussed a Brown County partnership with the City of Hiawatha on the building of a footbridge over the Hiawatha City Lake. Present options are either applying for a grant or requesting public donations to build the footbridge. A footbridge over the Hiawatha City Lake was torn out in the early 1970's.

BUDGET HEARING

CPA Jim Scherer was present for the 2007 Brown County Budget Hearing. Scherer reported the assessed valuation has gone up in 2006. The mill levy has been reduced for 2007 to 40.21, down from 41.576 in 2006. Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the 2007 Brown County Budget as published. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

RICHARDSON COUNTY NEBRASKA

Richardson County Nebraska Commissioner Rex Jones stated that the Richardson County Commissioners are impressed with the condition of Brown County Roads. Richardson County has no chip and sealing equipment and therefore contracts out the chip and sealing. Jones requested that Brown County consider the options of the Brown County Road Crew contracting to chip and seal the Richardson County roads or contracting to use Brown County's equipment. The Brown County Road Foremen Herb Roland, Richard Geiger and Mel Werner were present for the discussion. Legalities and insurance liabilities will be looked into before making a decision.

MOWER BID

The Road Foremen returned with the recommendation of accepting the bid of Skyview Equipment for \$4,650.00 on a New Holland 616 disc mower with a cutting width of 7 ft 10 inch. Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the Skyview Equipment bid of \$4,650.00. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

RDA

Rural Development Association Director Nancy Gafford presented two micro-loan applications for review. Motion by Glen Leitch to approve, following the recommendation of the Micro-Loan Committer, the two micro-loan applications to Three T's Construction and Air & Arc Manufacturing, Inc. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

Motion by Glen Leitch to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday August 28, 2006.