August 28, 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 were County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn. County Attorney Kevin Hill was present for a portion of the meeting.

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

ROAD FOREMEN

Road Foremen Herb Roland, Richard Geiger and Mel Werner discussed missing road signs. Also discussed was selling the distributor truck, which was purchased new in 2002 and selling an oil tanker.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker reported that the owner of a local wrecker service was upset with being eliminated from the Sheriff Department's towing list. Also discussed were the nine transports within three days made by the Sheriff's Office last week.

Shoemaker discussed the security plans for the August 29th funeral of Hiawatha native Corporal Jeremiah Scott Cole who was killed while on active duty in Afghanistan.

BRIDGE PROJECT #7C-3947-01

Engineering services bids for Bridge Project #7C-3947 were reviewed.

HIAWATHA LAKE BRIDGE PROJECT

Hiawatha Zoning Director Malcolm Grier discussed the proposed Hiawatha Lake Footbridge Project. Grier suggested that Brown County and the City of Hiawatha work together on the project. Grier will receive more information later today on the proposed 120 foot bridge.

STREETSCAPE PROJECT

Motion by Glen Leitch to sign a letter permitting the City of Hiawatha to place two flush to the ground electrical outlet boxes on County property as part of the on-going Streetscape construction. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

RICHARDSON COUNTY CHIP & SEAL REQUEST

County Attorney Kevin Hill discussed the legal issues of Richardson County Nebraska's request to contract Brown County to chip and seal the roads of Richardson County. Hill stated there are many issues, including competing with private business, to review before considering the request. Ploeger stated that the Road Foremen felt the Brown County Road Department schedule would be stretched too thin by trying to fit another county's oiling into the summer schedule.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to deny the request as it is not in the best interest of Brown County. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

VICIOUS DOG

County Attorney Kevin Hill discussed the request to pass a Brown County Resolution against vicious dogs. Hill stated that the cities are responsible for passing resolutions within the cities and that it would be difficult for Brown County to enforce such a Resolution made for within the County.

EXTENSION

Extension Agent Steve Brown presented the 2007 Extension Council Budget for signatures.

MINUTES

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the August 21, 2006 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

BG CONSULTANTS

BG Consultants Representative Tom Bennett reported the design project of a water treatment/sewer facility for the City of Reserve. According to Bennett, the City Council of Reserve is in favor of the project and would like to move forward with the project. Also discussed was the Nebraska/Kansas Bridge Project #40.

VICTOR L PHILLIPS COMPANY

Steve Korth, of Victory L Phillips Company, discussed updating the County's pneumatic rollers.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m. The next meeting will be Thursday, August 31, 2006.