

October 23, 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 was 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.

RESOLUTION #06-15

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve Resolution #06-15, appointing Steve Brown as Brown County Emergency Management Coordinator, effective immediately. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker reported on the recent fatality shooting in Reserve. Also discussed was tele-videoing conferencing between the Sheriff's Department and the Courts.

Shoemaker, Hill and Treasurer Cheryl Lippold discussed the upcoming tax sale. The Treasurer's office tax payment plans were discussed. Motion by Warren Ploeger to not accept payment plans after the tax sale papers are filed. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

Shoemaker suggested that all County Offices request to see the individual's Driver License and write the number on the check when accepting personal checks. This would help the Sheriff's Office in the recovery of bad checks. Lippold stated that the number of bad checks versus the number of checks received by the office is minimal and that time-wise would not be cost effective. The Commissioners decided not to require Drivers License at this time.

CENTURY HEALTH

Century Health Representatives Lisa Welch and Kevin Kennedy presented the 2007 insurance bid for the Brown County employee insurance. Welch reported that Delta Dental is offering a 3% increase. There will be no increase for life insurance. Principal Financial is offering the same insurance plan as 2006 with a rate increase of 0%. The Commissioners asked to see a four tier structure, which Welch will prepare and fax to the Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 10-minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the 3 Commissioners, Appraiser Tom Brown, Deputy Appraiser Paula Jones, County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn present. Closed 9:37 a.m. Opened 9:44 a.m.

Data Collector Lorie Huyett has requested to go part-time. Huyett is a shared employee between Jackson and Brown Counties, and Huyett will now work for only Jackson County effective November 15, 2006. A letter will be sent to Jackson County terminating the agreement between Brown and Jackson Counties. A part-time data-collector will be hired in the spring of 2007 for Brown County.

TUBAFEST

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the use of the Courthouse Lobby for the annual Tubafest to be held on December 16, 2006. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

CD BID OPENING

Treasurer Cheryl Lippold was present for a CD Bid opening on a \$100,000 CD currently held at Morrill & Janes Bank. The bids were as follows: Morrill & Janes Bank with a bid of 5.41% for 180 days and a bid of 5.41% for 365 days; and Hiawatha National Bank with a bid of 4.86% for 180 days and a bid of 5.13% for 365 days. Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the Morrill & Janes bid of 5.41% for 365 days. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

TAX STATEMENTS

Treasurer Cheryl Lippold reported that real estate taxes may be paid online with a credit card. Information will be sent with the tax notices, which will be mailed around November 1, 2006.

MINUTES

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the October 16, 2006 minutes. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

UNPAID LEAVE POLICY

Motion by Steve Roberts to sign a letter to Brown County Sheriff's Department employee Linda Scheuerman stating that during her period of unpaid leave, she will not receive sick, vacation or holiday pay and she will be responsible for maintaining her own health insurance coverage. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. This will become County Policy on employees taking unpaid leave per the advice of the Attorney Assist.

STEVE BROWN

Emergency Management Coordinator Steve Brown discussed the Emergency Management program.

AS400

Computer Department Director Sandy Carter presented the new AS400 proposal at a cost of \$151,901.00 from IBM. The new AS400 will have more than double the storage space of the present unit and double the processor speed.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the AS400 bid of \$151,901.00. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

The AS400 is tentatively scheduled to be installed the weekend of December 9th.

JINGLE BELL RIDE

Jingle Bell Ride Coordinator Lana Reigle requested the use of the Courthouse and the Courthouse grounds for the 10th annual Jingle Bell Ride to be held November 12, 2006. The event is being expanded this year with the addition of carolers and the Methodist Church bell choir performing. Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the request for the Jingle Bell Ride. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

JCAB/ACC

JCAB/ACC Director Venice Sloan presented a grant application for the Commissioner's signatures. Motion by Steve Roberts to sign the application for unexpended funds. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 31, 2006, to review the month end bills.