

December 4, 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. Warren Ploeger opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker reported on prisoner issues. Shoemaker also discussed upcoming personnel policy changes regarding no meal reimbursements for daytrips. This change is being made by the Commissioners due to IRS regulations and upon the recommendation of the auditor.

KWORCC

Carl Eyman, KWORCC, discussed certificates of insurance for independent contract laborers. Eyman reported that any contract laborer without workers compensation insurance who is injured while working on a County job would fall under the County's workers compensation insurance. Eyman recommends that all contract laborers be required to provide certificates of insurance for liability and workers compensation before starting any job for the County.

GIS MAPPING

Appraiser Tom Brown discussed GIS mapping. Brown reported that the GIS program was delivered, with the 2006 aerial photography included on the mapping. Brown is looking into buying a plotter/printer to print 36x40 maps before March of 2007. Extension Agent Steve Brown was also present for the discussion.

LARRY NOLTE

Brown County resident Larry Nolte complained about too many law enforcement deputies. Nolte stated that he does not like the frequent alcohol checkpoints set up on the road near his home nor does he like the ticket writing for speeding. Nolte would like to see the Sheriff's budget cut.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Motion by to Steve Roberts to appoint Emergency Management Director/Extension Director Steve Brown as Public Information Officer for Brown County. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the November 30, 2006 minutes. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE WINDOWS

Dan Hall, BG Consultants, and Rural Development Association Director Nancy Gafford discussed the Heritage Trust Grant for replacing the Courthouse windows. The Heritage Trust Grant is approved through the Kansas State Historical Society. January 15, 2007 is the preliminary deadline, with the actual grant application deadline being March 1, 2007. Hall stated that the grant will be for restoring the current windows, such as painting and weather-stripping.

GLACIAL HILLS

Glacial Hills representatives Gary Satter and Jere Bruning discussed various business opportunities, including agri-tourism. Satter also requested the Brown County Commissioners continued support of \$1000.00 for the fiscal year of 2006. Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the \$1,000.00 annual request. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

NOXIOUS WEED

Noxious Weed Director George Bruning presented the KDOT renewal contract for signatures.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday December 11, 2006.