

March 21, 2005

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

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The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Warren Ploeger and Steve Roberts. 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.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker discussed damage to a Road District 3 bridge near Hamlin.

PAYROLL

The March 16, 2005 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$40,537.34
Road & Bridge	9,600.13
Election	1,061.67
Appraiser	2,592.00
Noxious Weed	933.88
JCAB	5,142.75
Diversion	400.00
ACC	4,288.21
Services for Elderly	2,571.33
Solid Waste	1,869.79
Court Trustee	5,685.72
Employee Ben FICA	4,888.88
Employee Ben KPERS	2,233.20
TOTAL	\$81,804.90

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LETTER

A letter was signed to the Hiawatha Chamber of Commerce, reminding them of their obligation to provide clean-up for the Courthouse lawn after Chamber sponsored events.

MINUTES

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the March 14, 2005 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Motion by Steve Roberts to sign a letter of support for the proposed City of Reserve sewer system. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

TAX ORDERS

Tax Orders #04-85 through #04-108 and #04-110 were approved and signed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 20-minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with Commissioners Ploeger and Roberts, County Attorney Kevin Hill and County Clerk Debbie Parker present. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Closed 9:10 a.m. Opened 9:20 a.m. No binding action was taken.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept Leon Wenger's resignation from the Brown County Historical Society Board. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

HFED (HIAWATHA FOUNDATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

HFED members present were Jon Daeschner, Marion Tubach, Mitch Williams, Sheila Schwalm, Troy Boswell, Jim Aichen. City Administrator Carl Slaugh was also present. Jon Daeschner reported on the company Crosswinds wanting to expand to Hiawatha. The company will package pet foods and also have a possible contract pending for packaging food for human consumption. If this contract comes through, an additional building will be constructed. An estimated completion date for the construction of the first building is July 15, 2005. Slaugh reported that other companies had contacted Hiawatha City after hearing of the Crosswinds expansion. A possible tax abatement for this company will be decided later by the State Board of Tax Appeals.

NEK ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Guy Craybill and Mike Prunner, NEK Environmental Services, reported 46 permits for private wastewater construction in 2004. Craybill explained the annual report. He presented a sample sanitation codebook and encouraged Brown County to adopt a similar sanitation code. The Commission will review the code.

RESOLUTION #05-07

Motion by Steve Roberts to accept Resolution #05-07, which establishes a Civil Rights/Fair Housing Policy. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #05-08

Motion by Steve Roberts to accept Resolution #05-08, which proclaims April as Fair Housing Month. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #05-09

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept Resolution #05-09, which establishes a Conflict of Interest/Code of Ethics Policy. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #05-10

Motion by Steve Roberts to accept Resolution #05-10, which establishes a Procurement Policy. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday March 28, 2005.