

**March 28, 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, Glen Leitch 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, reported a quiet weekend. Also discussed were upcoming meetings.

**TREASURER**

Cheryl Lippold, Treasurer, discussed a request from the Hiawatha Country Club for a waiver of \$692.00 on a tax change order's interest. Motion by Steve Roberts, to waive the tax change order interest, which was due to a county error, with the stipulation that the taxes are paid in full. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

**LEON TRANT**

City of Hiawatha Mayor Leon Trant discussed Crosswinds, the new business which will be locating in Hiawatha.

**PLUM CREEK LANDOWNERS**

Members of the Plum Creek Landowners Association requested a revision on the Commissioner's recent Resolution on the proposed Plum Creek Reservoir. Spokesman Rodney Lierz presented less expensive alternatives for the Kickapoo Tribe's water shortage problems. Alternatives included a reliable ground water source, piped water from the City of Atchison, and alternate sights for the proposed reservoir. Lierz feels the Imminent Domain should not be used by either the Watershed or Brown County. Since Brown County is not a supplier of water, the Commissioners assured the group that Brown County could not use Eminent Domain against the landowners.

**EXTENSION**

Extension Board President Leroy Puvogel reported that the State is now offering early retirement to Extension Agents. Brown County Agent Carol Strahm has accepted the offer and will retire effective June 3, 2005. A new Extension agent will be hired and Strahm will be re-hired in a part-time position with the Extension Program's Youth Program Assistance. Puvogel reported that the Extension could hire both the new agent and Strahm at the same monetary value as Strahm's old rate of pay.

Commissioner Roberts questioned whether this would be a good time to look into consolidation again. Puvogel reported that Jackson, Jefferson and Nemaha Counties are looking into re-districting. Puvogel stated he will be glad to look into the re-districting.

**CARL SLAUGH**

Hiawatha City Administrator Carl Slauch updated the Commissioners on the proposed new Wal-Mart Store. The annexation of the site will be on next week's city agenda.

**BURIED CABLE PERMIT**

Buried cable permit #05-02 for Sprint was approved and signed.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2005 meeting.

Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 31, 2005.