

May 23, 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 on a dispute involving a child custody case. Also discussed was last week's Sheriff Conference, which Shoemaker attended.

HILLARY SPELLMAN

County Attorney Kevin Hill introduced summer intern Hillary Spellman of Hiawatha.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Motion by Glen Leitch to accept the April Brown County Health Department report. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

BOY SCOUTS

Boy Scouts Drew Davies, Austin Lovelady, Brice Platt and Marcus Platt and the Scout Leader Steve Davies visited with the Commissioners.

KANZA

Virginia Freese, KANZA Representative, requested an advance on KANZA's monthly allocation from Brown County, due to a shortfall from the State of Kansas Medicaid payments to KANZA. Motion by Steve Roberts to make two allocation payments at the end of June, after the current tax distribution. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

VENICE SLOAN

Venice Sloan, JCAB Director, reported the State of Kansas will cut \$34,000.00 from the Adult Community Corrections 2006 Fiscal Budget. The Juvenile Funding is still unknown at this time.

SOY DIESEL FEASIBILITY STUDY

Jon Daeschner, Gene Hillyer, Marian Tubach, Andy Pederson and Troy Boswell reported on the May 18th

Feasibility Study Meeting which was attended by 20 interested parties, including RCI of Horton. The Soy Diesel Plant would bring approximately 25-60 jobs to Brown County, depending on the size of the plant.

Motion by Steve Roberts for Brown County to pay \$20,000.00 of the estimated \$38,000.00 cost of the Feasibility Study. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried unanimously. The sealed bids will be opened at a future Commissioner meeting.

DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

Marian Tubach announced that Hiawatha's Downtown Historic District had been approved by the State of Kansas and will now be forwarded to the National Park System for approval.

SUMMERFEST 2005

Motion by Glen Leitch to allow the use of the Courthouse Square for the Chamber of Commerce's Summerfest, to be held on June 25. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the May 16, 2005 minutes. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

TOM BENNETT

Tom Bennett, BG Consultants, discussed easements and right-of-way issues on various road projects.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. The next meeting will be held Tuesday May 31, 2005.