

**July 5, 2005**

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

**SHERIFF**

Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker reported on last week's activities including an identity theft case. The new police dog has been ordered, but there is no confirmed delivery date. Memo will remain semi-active as a drug dog only.

**JJA/ACC**

Venice Sloan, director, presented a federal grant application, which was approved and signed. She also reported that Carolyn Jordan has been hired on a part-time basis to work 20 hours a week at \$9.00 per hour for Community Corrections.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the July 30, 2005 meeting. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Chairman Ploeger abstained from voting due to absence from that meeting.

**LANDFILL**

Bids were reviewed for an air conditioning system for the Noxious Weed and Landfill Offices. The bids were not submitted on the same specifications, so Charlie Brockhoff, landfill director, will research the bids and present more information at a later date.

**BG CONSULTANTS**

Tom Bennett, BG Consultants, reported on various County projects. The Right of Way Easements for Bridge project 7C-4027-01 were presented for acquisition. An appraisal will be done on the land value before the acquisition process is started. Mr. Bennett also reported on an inspection he had done for the county on a bridge in District #3, located on 320<sup>th</sup> and Foxtail. There had been a report of the bridge being damaged by a bulldozer driving across it. However, Mr. Bennett found no evidence of any structural damage. There were only white mark scratches on the surface.

There were five projects reviewed for a potential CDBG Grant application. These projects include replacing OS 196 Bridge in Powhattan Township, two culverts on Horned Owl Road, and one on Prairie Road, chip and seal of 3.5 miles on 145<sup>th</sup> Street, and the chip and seal of Falcon Road on the Kickapoo Reservation. These projects will be reviewed and discussed with the Road Foremen before a decision is made as to which project to submit.

Tom also reported on a meeting he had last week with Max Oltjen on bridge project 7C-3856-01. Mr. Oltjen did not feel that the 24" access tube to his property was large enough to carry the drainage during a heavy rain. An agreement was reached that the

first 20' of this tube would be replaced with a 36" tube with a transition to the 24" tube. The County will pay the additional cost of this project.

### **BIO-DIESEL GROUP**

The Bio-Diesel presented their recommendation for the feasibility study. After researching the two lowest bids and checking their references, they recommended that the County select Ascendant Partners, Inc. from Greenwood Village, CO. This recommendation was due in part to the fact that this company had just completed a bio-diesel study, while the other company had only done ethanol studies. Steve Roberts moved to accept the bid from Ascendant Partners for \$34,000, plus an estimated out of pocket expenses of \$1,500, contingent upon approval of the contract by Kevin Hill, County Attorney. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried unanimously.

### **HIAWATHA CITY MAYOR**

Leon Trant, Hiawatha City Mayor was present to discuss various concerns and projects between the City and the County. Brown County will need to know immediately if the City intends to lay chip and seal this year.

### **AUDITORS**

The preliminary 2004 audit was reviewed. Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the audit. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday, July 11, 2005. Budget hearings will begin at this time.