

November 7, 2005

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 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 the stabbing murder in Hiawatha on Friday November 4, 2005. The suspect was apprehended near Powhattan shortly after the murder. The Sheriff Department's dog Memo was used in the case.

BG CONSULTANTS

Tom Bennett, BG Consultants, discussed the Brown County 5-year Bridge Plan. Also discussed was the High Risk Rural Road Grant.

Motion by Steve Roberts to accept three contracts with BG Consultants: one contract for the bi-annual inspection, two separate contracts for Engineering services for Bridge Projects 7C-4212-01 and Bridge Project 7C-4234-01. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 12-minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the 3 Commissioners, County Clerk Debbie Parker and JCAB/ACC Director Venice Sloan. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Closed 9:50 a.m. Opened 10:02. No binding action was taken.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

JCAB/ACC Director Venice Sloan discussed the need for revisions in the Comprehensive Plan.

DWIGHT GROVE

Dwight Grove, Walnut Creek Watershed District, invited the Commissioners to a meeting with the six watershed district representatives, tentatively set for December 5, 2005 in the Country Cabin basement in Hiawatha.

COURTHOUSE ROOF

Custodian Buzz Siebenmorgen reported that the mortar work had been finished. Siebenmorgen will get bids from Waldinger and IHP for replacing the steam traps.

HIAWATHA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Hiawatha Chamber of Commerce requested the use of the Courthouse Lobby on Friday, November 25, when Santa and Mrs Claus will visit Hiawatha. Permission was granted with one of the Custodians being present.

DONIPHAN COUNTY MULTI-COUNTY CORRECTIONS

The Brown County Commissioners discussed the offer of joining Doniphan County in a multi-county Corrections Facility. During a conference call, the Commissioners informed Doniphan County that Brown County did not wish to join due to logistic problems with courtroom appearances.

LEON TRANT

City of Hiawatha Mayor Leon Trant reported that he expects the City of Hiawatha to receive notification from the Kansas State Historical Society regarding the acceptance for the Downtown Historical District, which includes the Brown County Courthouse.

MINUTES

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the October 31, 2005 minutes. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

ELECTION POLLING LOCATIONS

Election Official Debbie Parker discussed the Federal and State mandates concerning election equipment. Brown County must be in compliance by the August 2006 Election. The State recommends 10 polling locations for Brown County. The amount of dollars given Brown County by the State will not be enough to purchase and annually maintain the mandated election equipment. Brown County would be forced to provide the remaining dollars needed. Options discussed include raising the mill levy or reducing the number of polling locations in Brown County.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held Monday, November 14, 2005.