

**February 17, 2004**

**OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK**

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The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Glen Leitch, Chairman, Warren Ploeger and Steve Roberts. Also present were County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn. County Attorney Kevin Hill was present for a portion of the meeting. Glen Leitch opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

**BROWN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Nancy Gafford, Brown County Historical Society Representative, presented the heating grant application for Chairman Leitch's signature.

**ROAD FOREMEN**

Road Foremen Herb Roland, Richard Geiger and Mel Werner discussed the purchase of salt/spreaders for the three road districts. The decision was tabled until later in the year due to uncertainty in regards to State funding of the Special County Highway monies.

**MARTIN TRACTOR**

Roger Stuber, Martin Tractor, presented information on a 320 CLU Excavator. The Road & Bridge Foreman and Commissioners will review the information.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the February 9, 2004 minutes. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

**SHERIFF**

Lamar Shoemaker, Sheriff, reported on an early Tuesday morning accident, due to fog and a slick roadway.

**ROAD OIL BID OPENING**

Representatives for Vance Brothers and Koch Materials were present for the road oil bid and the cold patch mix bid openings. Road Oil Bids were as follows: Vance Brothers at .715 for RS1H, and Koch Materials at .756 for RS1H.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the Vance Brothers bid of .715 for RS1H. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

Cold Patch Mix Bids were as follows: Vance Brothers at .78 for CMS-1, .98 for MC-250; Koch Materials at .843 for CMS-1; and National Oil at 1.0175 for MC-250. Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the Vance Brothers bid. It will be determined later if the CMS-1 or the MC-250 will be used. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

County Attorney Kevin Hill reported on hiring Linda Ramey to replace Marcy Finger. Ramey will start the part-time secretarial position on February 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> at a starting wage of \$9.50 per hour.

**NEK HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the NEK Health Department January report.  
Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

**SOLID WASTE COMPUTER**

Sandy Carter, Register of Deeds, reported that the Landfill's computer monitor had quit working and requested permission to replace the computer with a laptop due to the limited space at the landfill office. Motion by Steve Roberts to approve spending not more than \$1,500.00 laptop purchase from the Solid Waste Fund. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

**CITY OF HIAWATHA**

Carl Slauch, Hiawatha City Administrator, telephoned with a request for a joint meeting between Hiawatha City and Brown County Commissioners on Economic Development on March 22, 2004 at 10 a.m. during the regular Brown County Commission meeting on that day.

Motion to adjourn by Warren Ploeger. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held Monday, February 23, 2004.