

**March 22, 2004**

**OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK**

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

**PAYROLL**

The March 17, 2004 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$38,047.55
Road & Bridge	9,389.06
Election	393.71
Appraiser	2,472.00
Noxious Weed	554.40
JCAB	4,938.54
Diversion	342.00
ACC	4,410.34
Services for Elderly	2,550.39
Solid Waste	2,133.46
Court Trustee	4,799.56
Employee Ben FICA	4,626.58
Employee Ben KPERS	1,604.51
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$76,262.10</b>

**SHERIFF**

Lamar Shoemaker, Sheriff, reported on a 2-3 day class for construction of correctional facilities. The class is free of charge and would be held in Hiawatha for administrative training. Shoemaker will contact the various Officials after finalizing the class plans and date. Also discussed were inmate cases.

**RAILROAD**

Commissioner Ploeger expressed concern over the proposed abandoning of the railroad line between Elwood and Hiawatha.

**CHEMICAL BIDS OPENING**

Noxious Weed Chemical bids for Amine 2-4-D and LV2-4-D were as follows: Ag Partners bid \$8.75 per gallon on Amine 2-4-D and bid \$10.50 per gallon on LV2-4-D. White Cloud Grain bid \$8.99 per gallon on Amine 2-4-D and bid \$11.25 per gallon on LV2-4-D. Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the Ag Partners bids of \$8.75 and \$10.50 per gallon respectively. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

**TAX ORDER**

Tax order #03-78 was approved and signed.

### **KANZA BID OPENING**

KANZA Director Bill Persinger, Architect Stan Peterson, and representatives of various contractors were present for the bid opening for KANZA's General Contractor. The bids were as follows: Thieme Construction at \$155,875.00; AHRs Construction at \$160,281.00; and Becker Construction at \$153,290.00. Bids will be reviewed and compared during the next two weeks, with the General Contractor being decided on at the April 5, 2004 County Commission meeting.

### **MINUTES**

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the March 15, 2004 minutes. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

### **CUSTODIAN**

Buzz Siebenmorgen, Custodian, discussed the courthouse lawn mowing, roof repairs and working part-time on the Road Oiling crew. The decision for the courthouse lawn-mowing bid letting was tabled until the Commissioners have met with the Road Foremen to determine when Buzz would be needed to assist with the road oiling.

### **HIAWATHA CITY COUNCIL**

The Hiawatha City Council was present to discuss economic development in Brown County and Hiawatha City. Present for the joint meeting were Mayor Leon Trant, City Administrator Carl Slaugh and Councilmen Bob Freese, Daryl Haefle and Marianne Schmitt. Hiawatha City Economic Development Coordinator Marion Tubach and RDA Representative Nancy Gafford, and Dean Tollefson, concerned citizen, were also present. Discussion topics included supporting existing businesses in expanding, assisting new businesses to locate in Brown County, possible County-wide law enforcement, grants for a new correctional facility, strategic planning for Brown County, possible tax incentives and the crowded parking conditions in downtown Hiawatha.

It was decided that letters would be sent to RHS in Hiawatha to assure them of Brown County and Hiawatha's continued appreciation and support of their company in Hiawatha. A letter will also be sent to Riley County, who has County-wide law enforcement, in regards to the possible County-wide law enforcement consolidation in Brown County. Brown County will prepare the two letters for signatures for both County and City Commissioners.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held Monday, March 29, 2004.