

March 29, 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.

SHERIFF

Lamar Shoemaker, Sheriff, reported on the recent Storm Spotters meeting, which attracted a large crowd. Also discussed was the Doniphan County 16-County meeting which was held on March 26, 2004 in Highland, KS.

NEK-CAP

Deb Ellis, NEK-CAP, explained a State grant application for housing assistance, which would extend the current area to include Riley County, excluding Manhattan City as they already have the homeless prevention housing assistance. The assistance is based on need and has served 70 families in the past fiscal year. The application was tabled until Wednesday, when a letter of support will be ready for the Commissioners' signatures.

HUD HOUSING

Larry Pickman, NEK-CAP, discussed the HUD Housing Development Program. Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve NEK-CAP applying to HUD for the housing grant. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

RHS LETTER

Brown County Commissioners signed a joint letter of support to Rich Heiniger of RHS. The City of Hiawatha Commissioners will also sign the letter, which showed appreciation to RHS for its continuing operation in Brown County.

TAX ORDERS

Tax orders #03-79 and #03-80 were approved and signed.

BURIED CABLE PERMIT

Buried cable permit #04-01 was approved and signed for Sprint Telephone.

MINUTES

Motion by Steve Roberts to accept the March 22, 2004 minutes. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

MICROLOAN CONTRACT

County Attorney Kevin Hill reviewed the proposed Microloan Contract. Hill expressed concern over whether Brown County would be required to match loans exceeding

\$15,000.00. Hill stated the opinion that whoever is receiving the grant administration \$12,000.00 fee should be the person administering all the paperwork. Nancy Gafford of RDA will be asked to attend the March 31, 2004 Commission meeting to answer questions regarding the contract.

LINDEN ROAD VACATE

The hearing was held by Brown County at 10:00 a.m to vacate a section of Linden Road. No landowners attended the hearing. Motion by Steve Roberts to vacate a section of Linden Road from south of the Wolf River to just south of the 200 Street and Linden Road intersection. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #04-08 FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION

A letter was received from the Department of Commerce requesting April be declared as Fair Housing Month in Brown County. Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve Resolution #04-08, which proclaims April as Fair Housing Month in Brown County. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

BG CONSULTANTS

Tom Bennett, BG Consultants, will look into the regulations involving the Brown County Courthouse possibly being named a State Historical Site by the Kansas Historical Society, to help defray the cost of replacing Courthouse windows and repairing the Courthouse roof.

Bennett also reviewed the Landfill regulations dictated by KDHE. A letter will be sent to KDHE requesting that Brown County's compliance date be postponed from the original April 1, 2004 date until August 15, 2004.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Roberts. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 31, 2004, to approve end-of-the-month bills.