

July 30, 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.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

The Commissioners and County Attorney Kevin Hill, approved the following claims:

General	56,192.38
Road & Bridge	308,940.76
Election	521.70
Noxious Weed	2,249.98
Junior College	12.00
Health	11,025.00
Historical Society	833.33
Employee Benefit	27,758.34
Extension Council	5,000.00
Mental Health	6,016.66
Mental Retardation	2,254.33
Appraiser	6,782.47
Ambulance	6,016.67
JAI	1,012.00
JCAB	5,314.60
Alcohol	3,598.27
911	1902.68
JJ Prevention	7,312.50
Comm Strategic Plan Fund	250.00
ACC	2,450.11
CC123	183.22
Services for Elderly	6,101.84
Solid Waste	35,369.47
Life Insurance	450.76
Health Insurance	8,036.91
Cancer Insurance	68.14
Court Trustee	1,599.86
Total	507,253.98

TREASURER

Cheryl Lippold, Treasurer, reported that Maple Heights Nursing Home had requested a waiver on interest for the 1999 unpaid pro-rated taxes. Motion by Warren Ploeger to refuse Maple Heights Nursing Home's request to waive the interest on back taxes. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

TRANSIENT MERCHANT LICENSE

County Attorney Kevin Hill discussed the possible use of transient merchant licenses. Hill will determine if the implementation of the license is needed in the County.

CAMPAIGN ISSUE

Rob Hendricks, as a concerned citizen, requested to speak with the Commissioners and County Attorney Kevin Hill regarding what he felt was an illegal campaign flier, which was missing the paid for advertisement line, that was recently distributed by the local newspapers. Hendricks stated that someone had already contacted the Kansas State Ethics Commission regarding the issue. Hendricks also stated that he had visited with a jailer concerning the fliers and the fact that they were printed on blue paper and there was blue paper available at the jail. Hendricks did not want to accuse anyone but was concerned about the possible implications.

Due to the severity of these possible implications, the County Attorney left to immediately investigate the situation. County Clerk Debbie Parker called the Kansas State Ethics Commission to determine how to properly handle the missing advertisement line on the flier. Parker was told to fax a copy of the distributed flier, a copy of the original flier and a written explanation by the candidate. The Ethics Commission will contact the County Clerk as to their ruling.

The County Attorney called back and visited with Commissioner Ploeger to report his findings. He had called Rod & Alice's Office Supply and was told that the candidate had had 3,000 blue fliers printed at their office. The County Attorney felt that this information would close the matter as to any implications regarding improprieties in this campaign.

CREASON CONSTRUCTION

Todd Creason, Creason Construction, called and spoke with District 2 Commissioner Glen Leitch regarding the bill he had received on recent road damage caused by his company. The Commissioners decided no adjustment would be given on the bill.

MINUTES

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the July 26, 2004 minutes. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

TAX ORDERS

Tax Orders #03-101 & #03-102 were approved and signed.

AUDIT CONTRACT

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the 2005 audit contract with Lowenthal, Singleton, Webb & Wilson. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Lamar Shoemaker, Sheriff, discussed the implied campaign allegations. Also discussed were ongoing cases.

KANZA

Bill Persinger, KANZA, requested instructions on the disposal of leftover equipment at the former Elks Building. Motion by Warren Ploeger to leave disposal of the equipment to the discretion of Bill Persinger. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

2005 BUDGETS

The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the 2005 Budgets.

Motion to adjourn by Warren Ploeger. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

The next meeting will be held Monday, August 2, 2004.