

**August 2, 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 and Steve Roberts and Warren Ploeger. Also present was County Clerk Debbie Parker and Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn. Glen Leitch opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

**SHERIFF**

Lamar Shoemaker, Sheriff, discussed allegations regarding the August 3, 2004 Primary Election campaign. Shoemaker also reported on a case involving the death of a young child in Brown County. Forensic testing is due back next week, but a canine was involved in the death with no feline indicated.

**ROAD DAMAGE**

Richard Geiger, District 2 Road Foreman, reported on the road damage caused by Todd Creason Construction. Creason has received the bill and is disputing it. The Commissioners refused any reduction in the bill. Creason spoke with the Commissioners by telephone, requesting a breakdown of expenses.

**MO-KAN REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Tom Bliss and Ty Parsons, MO-KAN Regional Council, offered assistance on government grants and programs. A membership fee would be charged, with the main focus being on helping small towns.

**NEK HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Dennis Foster, NEK Health Department, reported on a recent waiver of the sanitation code near Padonia. Foster reported that the code allows for property to be "grandfathered in" if there is no endangerment to the environment and there is an existing property that needs a lagoon but does not have enough land. In Padonia, the citizen had requested permission ahead of time, gave her son .7 acres of land and was granted a waiver. Two permits for two systems was granted, with both parties signing an agreement for later improvements as needed.

**CITY OF HIAWATHA**

Leon Trant, City of Hiawatha Mayor, reported on the status of Hiawatha's sewer system and water supply. Trant also reported that the Historic Districting is still in progress. The documentation process may have changes, but hopefully the application will be completed before year-end.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2004 meeting. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

**2005 BUDGET**

The 2005 Road & Bridge budget was discussed, including equipment purchases and oiling of new roads.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Roberts. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting will be held Friday, August 6, 2004, to canvass the ballots of the August 3, 2004 Primary Election.