

**November 15, 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, Warren Ploeger and Steve Roberts. Also present was 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 a State of Kansas seatbelt usage program to be held during the Thanksgiving holiday week. Also discussed was the KAC meeting, which the elected officials will attend November 21-23, 2004.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Steve Roberts for a fifteen-minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners and Appraiser Tom Brown present. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Closed 9:05 a.m. Opened 9:20 a.m. No binding action was taken.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a ten-minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners and Services for the Elderly Director Stephen Ward present. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Closed 9:30 a.m. Opened 9:40 a.m. No binding action was taken.

**RESOLUTION #04-12**

County Attorney Kevin Hill discussed the importance of the proposed Plum Creek Reservoir. Commissioner Roberts stressed how important the water issue is now for the Kickapoo Tribe and how water could be an economic issue in the future for Brown County. Motion by Steve Roberts to accept Resolution #04-12, which supports the proposed Plum Creek Reservoir. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried, with Warren Ploeger abstaining from the vote.

**PURCHASE ORDER**

District Court Clerk Lela Smith presented Purchase Order #3695 to R&D Computer Systems for \$3,320.00. The purchase order, for upgrade laser fiche digital scanning software, was approved and signed.

**BURIED CABLE PERMITS**

Buried cable permits #04-16, #04-17 and #04-18 for the City of Hiawatha were approved and signed.

**PAYROLL**

The November 10, 2004 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$36,774.16
Road & Bridge	9,362.30
Election	1,457.53
Appraiser	2,472.00
Noxious Weed	1,131.90
JCAB	4,967.23
Diversion	380.00
ACC	4,233.46
Services for Elderly	2,556.71
Solid Waste	2,227.63
Court Trustee	3,959.41
Employee Ben FICA	4,668.57
Employee Ben KPERS	1,877.72

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$76,068.62</b>
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#### **MINUTES**

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2004 meeting. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

#### **2005 HOLIDAYS**

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the following holidays for 2005. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

New Year's Day	Friday, December 31, 2004
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 17, 2005
Presidents Day	Monday, February 21, 2005
Memorial Day	Monday, May 30, 2005
Independence Day	Monday, July 4, 2005
Labor Day	Monday, September 5, 2005
Columbus Day	Monday, October 10, 2005
Veterans Day	Friday, November 11, 2005
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 24, 2005
	Friday, November 25, 2005
Christmas Day	Monday, December 26, 2005

#### **BROWN COUNTY EMPLOYEE INSURANCE**

Brown County employee health and dental insurance options were discussed. There will be a 9% increase in the insurance prices for the year 2005. Motion by Steve Roberts for the family policy paid by the employee to be raised by \$50.00 with the County absorbing the remainder of the 9% increase, and for a fifty cent per hour increase for full-time employees and a twenty-five cent per hour increase for part-time employees (excluding seasonal road workers whose wages will remain the same as 2004). Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

#### **MAYOR LEON TRANT**

Hiawatha City Mayor Leon Trant discussed the Plum Creek Reservoir and other economic issues concerning both Brown County and the City of Hiawatha.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. There will be no meeting on November 22, 2004, as the Commissioners and the County Clerk will be attending the KAC meeting. The next meeting will be held Tuesday November 30, 2004.