

March 31, 2003

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, Steve Roberts and Warren Ploeger. 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, discussed wages for part-time employees. The Commissioners will discuss this with other department heads before making a decision.

ROAD FOREMEN

Road Foremen Herb Roland, Richard Geiger and Mel Werner discussed summer help in regards to budget concerns.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

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

General	\$ 79,450.40
Road & Bridge	128,144.68
Election	2,311.05
Noxious Weed	35,351.21
Junior College	24,372.00
Historical Society	833.33
Employee Benefit	28,079.74
Extension	5,905.42
Mental Health	3,483.33
Mental Retardation	2,254.33
Appraiser	5,260.56
Ambulance	6,016.67
JAI	994.09
Case Management	689.79
JCAB	1,368.95
Worthless Check	1,665.00
JIAS	1,535.40
911 Fund	2,597.38
Br Co Attorney Drug Forfeit	1,665.00
JISP	809.65
CSPF	104.83
Services for Elderly	5,165.92
Solid Waste	41,033.40
Life Insurance	450.76

Health Insurance	7,245.49
Cancer Insurance	193.41
Court Trustee	1,412.46
Total	\$388,294.25

AIG VALIC FINANCIAL

Mark Fushon and Michael Bower, AIG VALIC Financial, presented a program on a 457 deferred-comp retirement program.

PLUM CREEK LANDOWNERS

Linda Lierz , spokesperson for Plum Creek landowners, discussed the Plum Creek project proposed by the Kickapoo Tribe. The landowners are against the project and reported that the Tribe has not contacted them concerning the project. The Nemaha-Brown Watershed District could exercise their right to declare imminent domain in order to acquire the land needed for this project. The Watershed has tabled a decision until their July meeting. The deadline for State allocation of funds for 2003 was March 20, so no funding will be available for this. The landowners think the Kickapoo Tribe should seek other options for their water source.

CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT

Motion by Warren Ploeger to authorize the purchase of three road easements at \$1 each on 160th Street between Antelope and Acorn Roads. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

OK SUN LIVENGOOD

OK Sun Livengood, Walnut Township citizen, discussed a township road on Hazelnut, which had been vacated between 1918 and 1932. She would like the unused dirt road to be rocked as she wants to establish a home there. Kevin Hill, County Attorney, stated that as this is a Township road the County couldn't rule on the matter.

RESOLUTION #03-07

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve Resolution #03-07, which adopts a Civil Rights/Fair Housing Policy for Brown County. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

REGIONAL AIRPORT

Dean Tollefson and Glen Hennigan presented an archeological study and survey on the proposed NEK Regional Airport. The conclusion of the report stated that the proposed sight should be avoided to preserve the undisturbed native prairie and grasslands.

MINUTES

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the minutes of March 24, 2003. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

TAX ORDERS

Tax orders #02-81 and #02-82 were approved and signed.

CITY OF HORTON

The City of Horton requested the Brown County Commissioners attendance at an April 7, 2003 meeting regarding improvements of the building housing a portion of the Fair exhibits. Commissioners Roberts and Leitch will try to attend the meeting.

PLUM CREEK PROJECT

Matt Sprick, Soil Conservation Office, came in with the Plum Creek landowners to clarify some points. Sprick reported that the Plum Creek Project would be a multi-function project, providing a water source, flood control and recreation. His agency is available to provide assistance and information on the project. Sprick reported that the Kickapoo Tribe must secure 100% of the land rights before the project agreement will be signed and approved.

KWORC

The Commissioners reviewed a letter from KWORC recommending safety measures. The Commissioners approved an annual safety meeting will be held by KWORC for all employees.

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