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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.

NOXIOUS WEED

George Bruning, Noxious Weed Director, discussed applications for seasonal part-time help with spraying.

Motion by Steve Roberts to allow Bruning to hire, on as needed basis, a part-time employee. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the October 6, 2003 minutes. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

TREASURER

Cheryl Lippold, Treasurer, discussed investments. Due to just being appointed to the position of Brown County Treasurer and not having time to ask for bids, Lippold asked for permission to roll over CD's which are coming due within the next few weeks. Permission was granted to roll over one CD, with bids being taken for the next CD.

KANZA/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bill Persinger, KANZA Director, discussed the upcoming purchase of the Elks Building. Motion by Steve Roberts for a ten-minute Executive Session on land acquisition, with the Commissioners, Bill Persinger and Debbie Parker present. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried. Closed 9 a.m. Opened 9:10 a.m. No binding action was taken.

SHERIFF

Lamar Shoemaker, Sheriff, reported mailbox and road sign vandalism. Also discussed was the Bio-Terrorism October 9 meeting attended by Shoemaker and Commissioner Ploeger, which both felt was an interesting meeting.

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT/SOFTWARE

Sandy Carter, Deputy Register of Deeds, reported on the ITTS three-year software maintenance plan, block time and the purchase of a new 400 server. The purchase would be approximately \$83,000 if the server were bought outright. Municipal leasing was discussed. The decision was tabled until County Attorney Kevin Hill could be contacted.

APPRAISER

Tom Brown, Appraiser, presented for signatures a waiver of appraisal letter for land acquisition on bridge project #7C-3778-01. Motion by Warren Ploeger to sign the letter. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

Brown will draft a letter to the area Representatives regarding the Commissioners concerns on non-for-profit tax exemptions.

CENTURY HEALTH

Lisa Welch, Century Health Representative, reported 2003 medical and dental claims. Welch explained the FSA pre-tax cafeteria plan now includes non-prescription drugs.

Also discussed were possible employee educational meetings regarding the FSA plan. Motion by Warren Ploeger to change the health/dental insurance year to the calendar year, effective January 1, 2004. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Roberts to change the maximum yearly dental payout amount from \$1,500.00 to \$1,000.00. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

KANZA/EXECUTIVE SESSION

County Attorney Kevin Hill and KANZA Director Bill Persinger presented the Request For Proposal for the Lease Purchase of the Elks Building. Persinger reported that the Bond Counsel would use local financing.

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a ten-minute Executive Session on Land Acquisition, with the Commissioners, Bill Persinger, Debbie Parker and Kevin Hill present. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Closed 10:40 a.m. Opened 10:50 a.m.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to not allow the Elks to operate Bingo playing in their currently owned building, after the purchase of the Elks Building by KANZA/Brown County, due to liability to Brown County. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Roberts to leave the RFP lease purchase at \$250,000.00, with KANZA paying the \$4,000.00 expense of the Bond Council. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

GRUBER TAX REFUND

County Attorney Hill advised Brown County not to reimburse more than it is willing to tax the rightful owner, due to statutes stating that tax must be collected for money spent out. Appraiser Brown reported that the Kansas State Statutes allow that only the current year and the two previous years may be collected. Hill recommended asking the Auditor's opinion before proceeding with the matter.

TREASURER AUDIT

County Attorney Hill recommended contacting the Kansas Attorney General Office on whether the recently conducted Treasurer's Audit should be paid by former County Treasurer Debbie Roland as part of her restitution to Brown County. The audit cost \$3,500.00. Hill also recommended forwarding letters from Roland concerning the audit to the Kansas Attorney General Office.

Motion to adjourn by Warren Ploeger. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday October 20, 2003.

