

**October 20, 2003**

**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, 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.

**PAYROLL**

The October 15, 2003 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$34,477.99
Road & Bridge	8,731.81
Election	205.77
Appraiser	2,361.12
Noxious Weed	994.34
Case Management	1,070.35
JCAB	1,288.38
Diversion	360.00
JIAS	1,286.31
JISP	1,286.31
ACC	3,988.06
Services for Elderly	2,546.27
Solid Waste	1,857.88
Court Trustee	5,141.84
Employee Ben FICA	4,313.92
Employee Ben KPERS	1,426.82
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$71,337.17</b>

**COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE**

County Clerk Debbie Parker reported that Lisa Welch, Century Health Solutions, had called and reported that there will be no increase on the Brown County employee health insurance premiums for 2004.

**BOB DAVIS**

Bob Davis, property owner, expressed his concerns about trash being dumped at a bridge over Wolf River south of Hiawatha.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the Brown County Health Department September report. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

**SHERIFF**

Lamar Shoemaker, Sheriff, reported he would be attending a Sheriff's Conference in Topeka on October 28, 29 & 30. Also discussed were weekend incidents, which included two accidents, DUI'S and a house break-in.

### **RESTITUTION**

Kevin Hill, County Attorney, discussed the full restitution payment made after the treasurer's audit by former County Treasurer Deborah Roland. Also discussed was the contract purchase of the Elks Building by KANZA.

### **MINUTES**

Motion by Warren Ploeger to approve the October 13, 2003 minutes. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

### **GRUBER/HOFFMAN TAX ERROR**

On the advice of Auditor Tom Singleton, a two-year tax refund will be issued to Vida Gruber from Brown County, with the remaining years being paid to Gruber by KCAMP. Charles Huffman will pay only the 2001-2002 taxes on his property. The tax error will be corrected by added/abated tax orders #02-198/199/200 and 201.

### **TAX ORDERS**

Tax orders #02-191 and #02-192 were approved and signed.

### **JCAB/ACC**

Venice Sloan, Director, presented reports and budgets for the JCAB and the ACC departments. She explained the various grants, the budgets and the comprehensive plans for the departments. Sloan also explained Senate Bill 123 and the effects of the bill on her departments.

### **CD BIDS**

Treasurer Cheryl Lippold was present for the CD bid opening on a 12-month \$100,000 CD, presently at Citizens State Bank. The bids were as follows: United Bank of Kansas at 1.70 percent; Morrill & Janes Bank at 2.0 percent; Citizens State Bank at 1.65 percent. Motion by Warren Ploeger to accept the Morrill & Janes Bank bid of 2.0 percent. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

### **APPRAISER**

Tom Brown, Appraiser, presented a letter regarding non-profit tax-exempt properties, which will be sent to the Interim Committee on Tax. The Commissioners approved the letter.

### **RDA**

Nancy Gafford, RDA Director, presented information on the final phase of the strategic plan and discussed possible businesses on the 75-bypass highway between Fairview and Sabetha.

### **BG CONSULTANTS**

Tom Bennett, BG Consultants, reported on Bridge Projects #1-06 and #1-12 in District 3. Also discussed was a 1982 bridge project, #7C-1537-01.

Motion by Steve Roberts to accept the new agreement between Brown County and BG Consultants for Bridge Projects #1-06 and #1-12, with the tentative starting date of 2007. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

The next meeting will be held Monday October 27, 2003.