

December 12, 2005

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Warren Ploeger, Steve Roberts and Glen Leitch. County Attorney Kevin Hill was present for a portion of the meeting. Also present was Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn. Warren Ploeger opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

PAYROLL

The December 7, 2005 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$43,194.19
Road & Bridge	10,110.08
Election	205.77
Appraiser	2,548.80
Noxious Weed	536.23
JCAB	5,152.62
Diversion	280.00
ACC	3,581.26
Services for Elderly	2,263.08
Solid Waste	2,831.69
Court Trustee	5,179.45
Special MVT	864.00
Employee Ben FICA	5,045.55
Employee Ben KPERS	2,461.82
TOTAL	\$84,254.54

APPRAISER

Appraiser Tom Brown discussed pipelines in Brown County.

ADA DIRECTOR

Motion by Warren Ploeger to appoint Steve Ward as the Brown County Director of ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act). Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker discussed recent tow bills and the recent snowstorm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 20-minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker, County Attorney Kevin Hill, Deputy County Clerk Marla Hathhorn and the three Commissioners present. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Closed 8:32 a.m. Opened 8:52 a.m. No binding action was taken.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney Kevin Hill reported on the Prosecutor and Investigator's Conference attended by Hill and Deputy Brian Everhart.

POSTAGE MACHINE

Treasurer Cheryl Lippold presented information on Pitney Bowes Postage Machines. The current lease is \$332.00 monthly. A new postage machine, with updated 9-11 security features, will have a lease of \$314.00 monthly. Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the lease, effective January 1, 2006. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Glen Leitch to approve the December 5, 2005 minutes. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

NEK AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Jim Beckwith, Director of the NEK Area Agency on Aging, reported on monetary funding cuts from the State of Kansas and requested an appropriation of \$1,378.30 from Brown County. The Agency services 129 homes in Brown County. Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the request of \$1,378.30, to be paid from the Commissioner's Budget in 2006. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

AMEND MINUTES

Motion by Glen Leitch to amend the November 21, 2005 minutes to read as follows:

“Motion by Glen Leitch to sign a Road Maintenance agreement with Robinson Township, with Robinson Township agreeing to maintain 180th Street between Sunflower Road and Timber Road. Seconded by Warren Ploeger. Motion carried.”

Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING

The Brown County Budget Amendment Hearing scheduled for December 30, 2005 was discussed.

TAX ORDERS

Tax Orders #04-157 and 158; and Tax Orders #05-1,2,3,4,7,9,10,11,12,13,14,17,18,19,20,23,24,25,26,27 and 28 were approved and signed.

RAINBOW TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Jason Smith, of Rainbow Telecommunications, discussed telephone rates. Motion by Glen Leitch to continue long-distance service with Rainbow Telecommunications. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE CUSTODIAN

Custodian Buzz Siebenmorgen discussed energy efficient light bulbs for the Courthouse.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m. The next meeting will be Monday, December 19, 2005.