

February 14, 2005

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

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The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Warren Ploeger, Steve Roberts and Glen Leitch. 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. Warren Ploeger opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker presented a contract between Johnson County and Brown County for the housing of Johnson County inmates in the Brown County Correctional Facility. Shoemaker also discussed bids being taken for Sheriff Department vehicles.

TREASURER/REGISTER OF DEEDS

Treasurer Cheryl Lippold and Register of Deeds Sandy Carter requested permission for the 2nd Floor Courthouse Offices to close for business at 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lippold explained that overtime pay would be reduced as her office could balance the end of day business after the 4:30 closing, with employees remaining until 5:00 p.m. Motion by Glen Leitch to close the 2nd Floor at 4:30 p.m. effective March 1, 2005. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the February 7, 2005 minutes. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

TAX CHANGE ORDER

Tax change order #04-78 was approved and signed.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Motion by Steve Roberts to accept the January Health Department report. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Warren Ploeger for a 15-minute executive session on Client/Attorney privilege, with the Commissioners, County Attorney Kevin Hill and County Clerk Debbie Parker present. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Closed 9:35 a.m. Opened 9:50 a.m. No binding action was taken.

OLD US HIGHWAY 36

USD 415 7th grade students Larissa Schilling, Angel Mendez and Molly Brobst presented information on high-speed accidents on old US Highway 36, east of Hiawatha. The students requested speed limit signs be posted. Steve Roberts stated that Brown County blacktop roads are not posted, as it is common knowledge that the speed limit is 55 mph on such roads. However, due to the students concerns, speed limit signs will be

considered and Sheriff Shoemaker will be requested to increase patrols to enforce the speed limit on road.

LEON TRANT

Hiawatha City Mayor Leon Trant reported on the Welcome Home Parade for the returning local National Guardsmen, held Saturday February 12. Trant also discussed a stop sign at the intersection of 220th Street and Kestrel Road, which has been repeatedly knocked down. The Fischer Center addition was also discussed.

RON KARN

Ron Karn, Berry Tractor, visited with the Commissioners.

BROWN COUNTY WEBSITE

Motion by Warren Ploeger to remove the Kickapoo link from the Brown County Website, due to the inaccuracy of the information on the Kickapoo link. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Glen Leitch. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 22, 2005.