

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Dwight A. Kruse, Keith Olsen, and Richard L. Lehmkuhl. Also present was Brown County Deputy Clerk, Dawn Boyles. County Attorney, Kevin Hill, and County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, were present via Zoom. Dwight Kruse opened the meeting at 8:10 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Richard Lehmkuhl led the meeting with a prayer.

PAYROLL

The December 2, 2020, payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$75,000.29
Road & Bridge	12,920.00
Election	1,845.77
Technology	268.31
Appraiser	4,747.64
Noxious Weed	1,552.73
Diversion	0
ACC	6,963.71
JJA Core	6,773.02
Reinvestment Grant	1,788.62
Services for Elderly	2,030.00
Solid Waste	6,663.74
Special MVT	5,161.57
Employee Ben FICA	8,065.04
Employee Ben KPERS	10,060.46
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-180.92
Insurance	-3,304.08
TOTAL	\$140,355.90

MINUTES

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the November 30, 2020, minutes. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

ESP

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to pay the \$32,131 invoice to ESP for the lighting of the jail. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Commissioner Kruse will check with District 3 Road Department about the damages to the rental excavator.

EVALUATIONS

The commission discussed the evaluations that need to be completed.

COVID 19

Brown County Health Nurse, Robin Downard, and Hiawatha Community Hospital, John Broberg, discussed the current status of COVID 19 within Brown County. Downard is recommending the mask mandate be extended until January 19, 2021, and mass gatherings limited to 25 people.

RESOLUTION 2020-21

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to sign Resolution 2020-21 extending the mask mandate until December 28, 2020, and limiting mass gatherings to 50 people. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried. Commissioner Olsen voted nay.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Don Pounds, Brown County Emergency Manager, discussed the unused portion of the SPARKS funds. Pounds also asked to be allowed to release 10,000 masks of the county’s mask reserve to the public. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to allow Don Pounds to release as many masks as needed for public use. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

COVID19

Emergency Manager, Don Pounds, discussed a COVID 19 testing site in Horton. Pounds also stated he is working on additional sites for the vaccinations in the future.

NOXIOUS WEED

George Bruning, discussed outstanding bills he is working on collecting.

LEAGUE OF MUNINCIPALITIES

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the payment of \$895.20, to the League of Kansas Municipalities for 2021 dues. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

Motion by Keith Olsen to adjourn. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, December 14, 2020.

ATTEST:

MELISSA GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED BY:

DWIGHT A. KRUSE, CHAIRMAN

KEITH OLSEN, MEMBER

RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, MEMBER