

January 13, 2020

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

RESOLUTION #2020-01

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve Resolution #2020-01, which appoints Dwight Kruse as 2020 Brown County Commission Chairman. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2020-02

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve Resolution #2020-02, which designates the following as the official 2020 Brown County Banks: for checking and investments—Citizens State Bank & Trust Company and Morrill & Janes Bank-A Division of Bank of Blue Valley. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

NEWSPAPER BID OPENING

Bids for the 2020 official county newspaper were as follows: Horton Headlight with a bid of \$2.00 per column inch. Motion by Keith Olsen to accept Horton Headlight's bid of \$2.00 per column inch. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2020-03

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve Resolution #2020-03, which designates the Horton Headlight as the 2020 legal Brown County newspaper, with the Hiawatha World to also publish many of the same legal publications. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2020-04

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve Resolution #2020-04, approving the 2020 Brown County Personnel Policy effective January 1, 2020. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2020-05

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve Resolution #2020-05, which adopts the GAAP Waiver policy for auditing purposes. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the January 6, 2020, minutes. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

TAX CHANGE ORDERS

Tax Change Orders 2019-40 through 2019-53 were approved and signed.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Motion by Keith Olsen to discontinue services with Waste Management for the Jail, Courthouse, and District 1 Road and Bridge and move service to Falls City Sanitation. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

LANDFILL

Charlie Brockhoff, Brown County Landfill Director, discussed the price increase at the landfill. Brockhoff also discussed the City of Horton project. Brockhoff mentioned that a compactor would be a nice addition to the landfill.

NOXIOUS WEED

George Bruning, Noxious Weed Director, stated that KDOT has considered funding Noxious Weed \$3,500. Bruning spoke with the commissioners about other projects that he has been working on. Bruning also discussed chemical sales through his department, he stated sales have been down.

BID OPENING

Bids for the Streambank Stabilization Project on 290th Road were as follows: Aller's LLC: \$129,000 and Siebenmorgen Excavating: \$82,335. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to accept the bid from Siebenmorgen Excavating for \$82,335 for the 290th Streambank Stabilization. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

NRCS

Matt Sprick, NRCS, was present for the bid opening. He discussed the start date of January 27, 2020.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Jerry Hisle, Herb Roland, and Rodney Allen, Road and Bridge Department, discussed summer help. Hisle stated that an increase in pay for seasonal CDL drivers might encourage finding summer help. Various other projects and equipment were discussed. The commissioners want the Road and Bridge Crew to start attending the commission meeting monthly.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Motion by Keith Olsen to pay returning summer help \$14.00 an hour, summer help that holds a CDL \$15.00, and new hire seasonal employees \$13.50 per hour. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

APPRAISER

Steve Markham, Brown County Appraiser, presented the Ag Use numbers from the state. Markham stated increases are slowing down, but they are still increasing. The county average for crop is 5.45%, native 8.05%, and tame 9.22%. Markham also discussed the depreciation tables being incorrect in 2019 and how he is correcting the problem. Markham reviewed the NRP and various ongoing projects in his office.

IT DEPARTMENT

Sandy Carter, Brown County IT Director, reported on the progress of the website.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Don Pounds, Brown County Emergency Manager, updated the commissioners on the credentialing cards, and training sessions he has attended. Pounds also discussed the Emergency Management Inventory.

SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

Lori Gray, Services for the Elderly Director, reported on the taxi service. Gray stated that the number of passengers are increasing.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Nellie Brockhoff, Brown County Register of Deeds, presented a quarterly report on fees that her office collects.

TREASURER

Cheryl Lippold, Brown County Treasurer, reported on the tax sale. Lippold stated \$15,821 in back taxes were collected and 44 properties were sold. Currently her office has collected 65% of current tax. Lippold stated that her staff did an amazing job through the tax season.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, requested a ten minute executive session. Motion by Keith Olsen for a ten minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, and Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Closed 10:33 a.m. Opened 10:43 a.m. No binding action was taken.

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JANITOR

Motion by Keith Olsen to regretfully accept the resignation of Manuel Martinez as Head Janitor as of January 24, 2020. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Keith Olsen. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

ATTEST:

MELISSA L GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED BY:

DWIGHT A KRUSE, CHAIRMAN

KEITH OLSEN, MEMBER

RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, MEMBER