

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 Clerk, Melissa Gormley. Brown County Attorney, Kevin Hill, was present for a portion of the meeting via video conferencing. Dwight A. 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 April 22, 2020, payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$75,796.84
Road & Bridge	25,310.75
Election	245.77
Technology	132.50
Appraiser	6,063.70
Noxious Weed	1,873.50
ACC	10,798.74
JJA Core	10,256.35
Reinvestment Grant	3,260.76
Services for Elderly	2,814.00
Solid Waste	4,548.08
Employee Ben FICA	8,495.62
Employee Ben KPERS	10,705.12
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-327.95
Insurance	-11,829.73
TOTAL	\$148,144.05

MINUTES

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve the April 20, 2020, minutes. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried

JANITOR

Brown County Custodian, Dave Schuetz presented quotes on removal of damaged trees from the courthouse lawn. Schuetz also updated the commission on the generator.

APPRAISER

Brown County Appraiser, Steve Markham, updated an oil and gas case in South East Kansas. He stated it would not affect Brown County much.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Commissioner Kruse discussed a railroad crossing that has caused accidents. Attorney Kevin Hill stated the commission could write a letter to the railroad requesting improvements be made.

RESOLUTION

Motion by Keith Olsen to adopt resolution 2020-11, A Resolution urging Congress to take all appropriate measures to provide financial assistance to the United States Postal Service during the COVID-19. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE

The commission signed and reviewed the tonnage report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Brown County Commissioner, Dwight Kruse requested a 30 or 35 minute executive session. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl for a 35 minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners and the interviewees present in person or by telephone to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Closed 8:30a.m. Opened 9:05 a.m. No binding action was taken.

ROAD AND BRIDGE SECRETARY

The commission discussed hiring a road and bridge secretary. Motion by Keith Olsen to hire a part-time road and bridge secretary with pay depending on experience. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Olsen wants to advertise until May 18, 2020.

COVID-19

Chastity Schumann, NEK Multi County Health, and Don Pounds, Brown County Emergency Management Director, met with the commission via video conference. Schumann stated that testing has been done on 75 people in Brown County. Pounds discussed guidelines from the state.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

The commission reviewed more applications for road and bridge.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Brown County Commissioner, Dwight Kruse requested an executive session. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl for a 10 minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Closed 9:51a.m. Opened 10:01 a.m. No binding action was taken.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to move Road and Bridge Rover, John Selland, to District 1 Crewman.   Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to offer Road and Bridge crewman to one of the candidates.   Seconded by Keith Olsen.   Motion carried.

**SOLID WASTE**

Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, asked the commission about having the landfill open to individuals only on Saturday’s. Commissioner Kruse stated that he had spoken with Solid Waste Director, Charlie Brockhoff about closing the landfill to commercial haulers.

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to adjourn.   Seconded by Keith Olsen .   Motion carried.   Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.   The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, April 30, 2019, to approve month end bills.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

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MELISSA GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

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DWIGHT A. KRUSE, CHAIRMAN

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KEITH OLSEN, MEMBER

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RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, MEMBER