

May 11, 2020

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 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. Commissioner Lehmkuhl led the meeting with a prayer.

PAYROLL

The May 6, 2020, payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$84,019.16
Road & Bridge	11,619.50
Election	245.77
Technology	384.25
Appraiser	6,063.71
Noxious Weed	2,092.25
ACC	7,012.14
JJA Core	6,797.53
Reinvestment Grant	1,802.90
Services for Elderly	2,814.00
Solid Waste	4,040.00
Employee Ben FICA	8,164.78
Employee Ben KPERS	10,201.92
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-280.73
Insurance	-3,119.76
TOTAL	\$141,857.42

MINUTES

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve the minutes of May 6, 2020, special meeting. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

APPRAISER

Brown County Appraiser, Steve Markham, updated the commission on two hearings that are remaining. Markham also indicated he will begin advertising for the open position in his office. Commissioner Kruse inquired about the recent oil and gas litigation involving Labette County in the appellate courts. Markham advised that the holding would not materially impact Brown County based on the number of similar leases here.

SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

Lori Gray, Services for the Elderly Director, discussed transportation to the hospital for individuals needing testing for COVID-19. Don Pounds, Emergency Management Director, will discuss with the hospital and coordinate with them to get transportation to the hospital for testing.

GRAIN BELT ENERGY

Chairman Dwight Kruse discussed a proposal from the Grain Belt Energy for a transmission line to go through Brown County. County Attorney, Kevin Hill, advised that the commission had previously indicated that they were going to seek input from counsel involved in negotiating similar proposals with other counties.

COURTHOUSE ROOF

Commissioner Lehmkuhl spoke with KCAMP about clarification on the requirements from the insurance company. KCAMP indicated that option two from Midwest Roofing would be the most comparable to the requirements for the insurance company that bids were requested for. County Attorney, Kevin Hill, reminded the commission that K.S.A. 19-214 states that the bids for construction projects on the courthouse must go to the lowest and best bidder. Motion by Keith Olsen to accept the bid from Midwest for \$75,074.85. The motion died due to lack of a second. Discussion tabled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Brown County Commissioner, Keith Olsen for a 25 minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners and the interviewees present by telephone to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Closed 8:35 a.m. Opened 9:00 a.m. No binding action was taken.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to offer the District one Road Foreman position to one of the interviewees. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE ROOF

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to accept the bid from CCR Roofing with a bid of \$60,314.64 for the project on the courthouse roof as the lowest and best bid. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried. Keith Olsen voted Nay.

COVID-19

Don Pounds, Emergency Management Director, updated the commission on the PPE orders he has received. Gloves, gowns, and disinfectant supplies continue to be difficult to obtain. Commissioner Olsen discussed the opening of hair salons and barber shops. Pounds indicated there has been no indication as to when the Governor plans to move into phase two of reopening next week. Pounds also discussed he had seven restaurants contact him about reopening. Commissioner Lehmkuhl discussed the possibility of hiring a part time employee to clean and disinfect after reopening of the courthouse, with the majority of the focus on the third floor while court is in session. Pounds confirmed that 75% of the wages would qualify for reimbursement.

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LANDFILL

Discussion on allowing or not allowing commercial haulers utilizing the landfill on Saturdays. Chairman Kruse would like to table the discussion for now and revisit the matter at a later date.

CUSTODIAN

Dave Schuetz, Head Custodian, presented the commission with estimates for tree removal of two trees in courthouse square. The bids were as follows: Grimm's Gardens with a bid of \$3,120; and Kyle's Tree Service with a bid of \$2,600. Motion by Keith Olsen to accept the bid from Kyle's Tree Service for \$2,600. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Schuetz gave an updated on the generator. They are waiting the installation of a regulator on the generator. Schuetz also discussed the janitors inspecting the fire extinguishers at other county locations. Schuetz will get contact information on each location and will do the monthly inspections.

Motion by Keith Olsen to adjourn. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, May 18, 2020.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

MELISSA L GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

DWIGHT A. KRUSE, CHAIRMAN

KEITH OLSEN, MEMBER
