

UNOFFICIAL
OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK
September 8, 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 Clerk, Melissa Gormley. Brown County Attorney, Kevin Hill, was present for a portion of the meeting. Dwight A. Kruse opened the meeting at 8:10 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Reverend Ferris led the meeting with a prayer.

HEALTH NURSE

Motion by Keith Olsen to extend the employment of the health nurse, Mary Oswald until January 1, 2020. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM

Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill, and Brown County Clerk Melissa Gormley, spoke with the commission in regards to Presidential Memorandum concerning the deferment of social security tax for employees.

Motion by Keith Olsen to exempt Brown County from the executive order regarding applicable tax including FICA. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Brown County Road and Bridge Secretary, Julie Liberty, reviewed end of month reports. Liberty also reviewed the Federal Fund Exchange that she turned in to the state. Liberty updated the commission on the rental of the excavator and she received another quote from Barry Tractor.

ROAD AND BRIDGE PERMIT 20-05

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve Road and Bridge Permit 20-05 for JBN Telephone Company to bury a fiber optic cable from the west side US Hwy 75 going east on the south side of 140th Rd for 862 feet then bore 140th to the north to serve 392 140th Rd. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

The commission also discussed fracture critical bridges. Motion by Commissioner Lehmkuhl to allow BG Consultants to give a cost estimate to do repair work on four bridges. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2020-17

Motion by Keith Olsen to accept Resolution 2020-17, extending the COVID Public Health Emergency Resolution for a period of 60 days. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

HEARTLAND WORKS

The commission discussed membership with Heartland Works.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Don Pounds, Brown County Emergency Manager, spoke with the commission concerning funding for the Sheriff's Office to activate Sac & Fox Tribe Storm Sirens. The current sirens are activated by radio transmission by a Sac & Fox Officer. Acting Chief Mike McDonald requested Brown County Sheriff's Office be equipped to activate the sirens. Pounds stated Sheriff Merchant was agreeable to the situation. Midwest Mobile Radio quoted a total of \$3,493.05 for parts, material, and labor. Commissioner Kruse asked if Sac & Fox would be sharing the cost. Pounds stated that the request was for Brown County to pay the cost. Commissioner Lehmkuhl requested Pounds to find out how many sirens the Sheriff's Office currently activates. Commissioner Olsen would like to find out if Sac & Fox would help pay the cost.

SPARK

Don Pounds stated that he had an email from the state on SPARK. SPARK funding was approved with only a couple questions about the libraries and the meat packing plants.

HEARTLAND WORKS

Motion by Keith Olsen to sign Option 2, to not serve on the Heartland Works Board. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

COUNTY RESIDENT

Brown County Resident Alvin Simon, spoke with the commission regarding an easement. He stated there was a fire on his property in 2017 caused by power lines touching trees on his property. Simon wanted to know if the power company could just

put power poles up on any property. Commissioner Kruse explained that there were state statutes pertaining to power companies.

MINUTES

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the August 31, 2020 minutes. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

TAX CHANGE ORDER

Tax change orders 2019-165-2019-167 were approved and signed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Brown County Road and Bridge Secretary, Julie Liberty requested a 10 minute executive session. Motion by Keith Olsen for a 10 minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners and Julie Liberty present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Closed 9:36 a.m. Opened 9:46 a.m. No binding action was taken.

FRAUD ACTIVITY

Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, reported on KDOL fraud activity. One employee was on the KDOL list last week, and it was reported immediately to the employee, Sheriff John Merchant, and KDOL.

Motion by Keith Olsen to adjourn. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, September 14, 2020.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

MELISSA GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

DWIGHT A. KRUSE, CHAIRMAN

KEITH OLSEN, MEMBER

RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, MEMBER