

February 22, 2021

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Richard L. Lehmkuhl, Lamar Shoemaker, and William Pollock. Also present was Brown County Clerk, Dawn M. Boyles. County Attorney, Kevin Hill, was present for a portion of the meeting. Richard L. Lehmkuhl opened the meeting at 8:10 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Pastor Shane Spangler led the meeting with a prayer.

**SOLID WASTE**

George Bruning presented a quote for \$16,300 from WKG Sales to do the repairs to the shag truck. Bruning also discussed other options for purchase. The commission would like a time frame on the repairs quote. Bruning contacted Walker and the time frame would be three weeks. Motion by Lamar Shoemaker to approve the quote for \$16,300 from WKG Sales to do the repairs to the shag truck. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

**NOXIOUS WEED**

George Bruning, Director, discussed the vacation time that he needed to take before the end of March. Bruning will be gone most of the month of March.

**MINUTES**

Motion by William Pollock to approve the February 16, 2021, minutes with the following correction:

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Kevin Hill, County Attorney, requested a 15 minute executive session. Motion by Lamar Shoemaker for a 15 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, Kevin Hill, Vicki Hubin, and Chris Denner present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by William Pollock. Closed 8:45 a.m. Opened 9:00 a.m. No binding action was taken.

Seconded by Lamar Shoemaker. Motion carried.

**IT DEPARTMENT**

Sandy Carter, IT Director, presented a wage structure and the applications for the additional IT position for the commission's review. Motion by Lamar Shoemaker to adopt the wage structure for the IT Department. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

**IT DEPARTMENT**

Sandy Carter, Director, presented the quote from Civic Plus for \$5,500 for the first year and \$5,250 for a two annual recurring service to allow streaming to the county website for the commission meetings. Motion by Lamar Shoemaker to approve the purchase of the service from Civic Plus for \$5,500 for the first year and \$5,250 for a two annual recurring service to allow streaming to the county website for the commission meetings. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

The commission discussed training with Melissa Gormley, interim secretary, and Tami Lehmkuhl, new Road and Bridge secretary.

**COVID19**

Emergency Manager, Don Pounds, Brown County Health Officer, Robin Downard, and Kristina Romine, NEK Multi County Health Director, updated the commission on the COVID19 pandemic within the county. Downard reported that there are currently 1,104 total cases, 14 active cases, 1 hospitalization, and 32 deaths. Downard also reported they have done over 700 vaccinations so far and are getting from 100 to 200 vaccines a week. They are currently administering doses strictly doing 65 years and older by date of birth. Don Pounds discussed free test kits being offered to labs from the federal government. Pounds thinks this will lessen the need for the testing at the Horton clinic as well as the hospitals. Kristina Romine stated there is a dedicated e-mail to address concerns due to COVID19. The e-mail is [brcovidinfo@nekmulticounty.org](mailto:brcovidinfo@nekmulticounty.org).

**OIL BIDS OPENING**

Oil Bids for an estimated 500,000 gallons of RS-1H for road oiling were opened. Bids were as follows: Vance Brothers, Inc. with a bid of 1.93 for RS-1H, \$2.18 for RS-1HP and \$2.03 for RS-1H Plus per gallon; Ergon with a bid of \$2.30 for RS-1H, and \$2.40 for RS-1HP per gallon and Coastal Refining & Marketing with a bid of \$2.14 for RS-1H and \$2.34 for RS-1HP per gallon. Road Foremen Terry Siebenmorgen, Jerry Hisle and Rodney Allen were present for the bid opening.

Motion by Lamar Shoemaker to accept the Vance Brothers, Inc. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

**ROAD & BRIDGE**

Rodney Allen, District 3 foreman, discussed chip and sealing for cities and the schools.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Don Pounds, Emergency Management Director, Lynn Holt, Program Delivery Manager for Kansas Department of Emergency

Management, discussed the damage done to a bridge located at Kingfisher and K20 from the 2019 floods. Don Pounds will be the point of contact for this project. Holt will contact Pounds following the meeting.

#### **HIAWATHA HIGH SCHOOL**

Motion by Lamar Shoemaker to allow Hiawatha High School use of courthouse square with bathrooms and electricity for their musical on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and use of courthouse square for practices May 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion approved.

#### **EMERGENCY VEHICLE PERMIT**

Motion by Lamar Shoemaker to approve Emergency Vehicle Permits for Ryan Lanter and Nicholas Hilderbrand. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

#### **SAC & FOX**

Motion by Lamar Shoemaker to approve the Sac and Fox occupational license. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

#### **ROAD & BRIDGE**

Motion by Lamar Shoemaker to correct the wage scale for Assistant Road and Bridge Foreman to \$18.00 per hour. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

#### **POULTRY FACILITY**

The commission acknowledged the letter received from Brown County landowner, David Brant, in regards to the proposed poultry facility.

Motion by William Pollock to adjourn. Seconded by Lamar Shoemaker. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 10:26 a.m. The next regular meeting will be Friday, February 26, 2021, to approve month end bills.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

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DAWN M. BOYLES, COUNTY CLERK

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RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, CHAIRMAN

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LAMAR SHOEMAKER, MEMBER

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WILLIAM POLLOCK, MEMBER