

March 15, 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 also present. Richard L. Lehmkuhl 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 March 10, 2021, payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$78,930.12
Road & Bridge	15,396.51
Technology	367.69
Appraiser	4,876.29
Noxious Weed	2,168.08
ACC	6,161.42
JJA Core	4,397.21
Reinvestment Grant	1,796.11
Services for Elderly	2,611.00
Solid Waste	5,782.71
Employee Ben FICA	8,061.08
Employee Ben KPERs	10,113.73
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-103.23
Insurance	-3,378.42
TOTAL	\$137,180.30

MINUTES

Motion by William Pollock to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021. Seconded by Lamar Shoemaker. Motion carried.

SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

Wanda Davis, Services for the Elderly, presented a letter from the American Legion Post 66. The American Legion voted to put the upgrades to the building on hold.

CPR TRAINING

Brown County Clerk, Dawn Boyles, discussed that the Sheriff's Office would be available to offer CPR training to courthouse employees. Boyles will get a list of employees interested and coordinate with the Sheriff's office to schedule the training.

LANDFILL

Brown County Landfill Director, Charlie Brockhoff, visited with the Commission concerning the landfill and the extra help at the landfill. Brockhoff would like to keep the extra help for a little while longer. Brockhoff also informed the commission he will be having knee replacement in June.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Commissioner Shoemaker discussed the replacement of a tube. Commissioner Lehmkuhl will contact Matt Sprick and get input on the replacement. Shoemaker also updated the commission on the culvert replacement due to the 2019 storms.

ALL AMERICAN INSURANCE

Don and Dan Copeland, All American Insurance representatives, presented supplemental insurance products the company has to offer.

NURSE

The option of continue the staffing of the nurse for health screening. County Attorney, Kevin Hill, indicated the health screening is a requirement of the Supreme Court and in person court hearing will begin again in April. Hill also suggested visiting with the Sheriff, John Merchant, about any additional tasks for the security staff at the courthouse. Commissioner Lehmkuhl will visit with Merchant and the courts. The county will keep the nurse on a month by month basis for now.

KCAMP

Nicklas Benson, KCAMP Property Appraiser, will in Hiawatha to appraise six properties. The county will need to have an escort available to take Benson to the locations. Each appraisal should take approximately 20 minutes. Commissioner Lehmkuhl will escort Benson.

ALLIED BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

The commission would like to move forward with Allied Business Solutions to audit the telecommunications bills for the county.

WORK SESSION

Brown County Clerk, Dawn Boyles, discussed a work session with the commission on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 from 8:30 until 11:30 to discuss restructuring the Salary and Wage Structure for the county.

IT DEPARTMENT

Sandy Carter, IT Director, updated the commission on the hiring of a new employee in her office. Carter will bring her new employee to introduce him to the commission at next week's meeting.

WIND ENERGY

Commissioner Pollock has been in contact with attorneys specializing in wind energy. Pollock continues to contact attorneys. Commissioner Lehmkuhl indicated no wind farm has approached the county and that the commission is trying to be proactive in the matter. Attorney Hill, discussed moratoriums and the reasons needed to have a moratorium.

BROWN COUNTY LIBERTY ALLIANCE

Jessica Gigstad, Brown County Liberty Alliance, discussed the county hiring an attorney to act on behalf of the county in regards to wind energy within the county. Lucas Heinen, Brown County resident, discussed his point of view on wind energy within the county. Heinen would like the county to look at an attorney for land use before going hiring an attorney to negotiate with the energy companies. Kendra Heinen, would like to suggest a public meeting to discuss wind energy. Attorney Hill discussed the past public meetings and would be beneficial to have additional public meetings as we move forward.

Motion by William Pollock to adjourn. Seconded by Lamar Shoemaker. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 9:46 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 22, 2021.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

DAWN M. BOYLES, COUNTY CLERK

RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, CHAIRMAN

LAMAR SHOEMAKER, MEMBER

WILLIAM POLLOCK, MEMBER