

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

March 31, 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 via Zoom. Richard 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 24, 2021, payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$77,928.14
Road & Bridge	14,392.44
Technology	265.00
Appraiser	4,821.55
Noxious Weed	2,260.53
ACC	9,120.49
JJA Core	6,170.45
Reinvestment Grant	3,099.52
Services for Elderly	2,618.00
Solid Waste	6,302.73
Employee Ben FICA	7,943.87
Employee Ben KPERS	9,971.87
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-43.22
Insurance	-9,469.34
TOTAL	\$135,382.03

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

The March 31 2021, month-end claims were approved as follows:

001 General	\$85,294.11
103 Road & Bridge	156,252.25
123 Historical Society	4,375.00
125 Employee Benefit	72,121.57
127 Election	4,033.56
129 Extension	8,500.00
131 Mental Health	5,850.00
133 Developmental Services	2,254.33
135 Capital Improvement	6,909.76
141 Conservation	6,875.00
143 Appraiser	5,154.40
145 Ambulance	21,250.00
147 Noxious Weed	1,081.60
151 Alcohol	4,911.38
155 Diversion	545.00
160 911 SB50	-5,869.21
165 ACC	2,567.30
167 JJCR	3,218.78
168 Reinvestment Grant	88.13
201 Services for Elderly	3,908.76
211 Solid Waste	50,159.53
909 Payroll	172.90
TOTAL	\$439,654.15

MINUTES

Motion by Lamar Shoemaker to approve the March 22, 2021 minutes. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Karen Wilson, NEK AAA, Allison Kerl and Mark Nenadov, Hiawatha Community Hospital, Wanda Davis, Services for the Elderly Director, discussed the funding for the Meals on Wheels program. Karen Wilson, NEK AAA, reported she had previously met with the hospital, the previous Services for the Elderly Director, Lori Gray, and the Commission about the Meals on Wheels program. Wilson was under the understanding that the County would supplement the \$1.80 per meal that the NEK AAA deliver. The Commission would like to table the discussion or any decisions on the matter until a later date.

ALLIED BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

The commission would like to table the discussion until Monday, April 5, 2021.

LIBERTY NATIONAL

Cory Costa, Liberty National Director, discussed services Liberty National has to offer the county.

WIND ENERGY

Brown County resident, Jerry Aller, questioned why the county would not be hiring Josh Ney to represent the county in regards to wind energy. Commissioner Lehmkuhl stated that the county has not hired any counsel to represent the county.

BIG KANSAS ROAD TRIP

Sarah Kleopfer, Hiawatha Chamber of Commerce, requested use of electricity at the corner of Oregon and South 7th Street for the Big Kansas Road Trip on May 7th and 8th. Motion by Lamar Shoemaker to allow Big Kansas Road Trip use of the electricity. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

ROAD AND BRIDGE PERMIT 21-01

Motion by Lamar Shoemaker to approve the Road and Bridge Permit 21-01. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Road and Bridge Secretary, Tami Lehmkuhl, presented the commission with three bids for a 60’ tube needed for replacement at 260th Road 73 Highway. The bids were as follows: Metal Culverts with a bid of \$10,005; J&J Drainage Products with a bid of \$9,760; and Welborn Sales with a bid of \$9,288. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to accept Welborn Sales bid of \$9, 288. Seconded by Lamar Shoemaker. Motion carried.

TREASURER

Brown County Treasurer, Cheryl Lippold, presented the commission with the bid for replacement of the desks in the Treasurer’s office. The lone bid of \$35, 654 was from Navrat’s. Lippold indicated she contacted two companies from Kansas City and one company from Lincoln, NE with no response. Motion by Lamar Shoemaker to accept the bid of \$35, 654 form Navrat’s. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

Brown County Clerk, Dawn Boyles, discussed the disposal of the current desk systems. Boyles will ask other county offices if they have a need for them.

CUSTODIAN

Brown County Clerk, Dawn Boyles, presented the three tree removal bids for courthouse square. The bids were as follows: Kyle’s Tree Service with a bid of \$8,250; Gudenkauf Tree Service with a bid of \$4,350; and Gamble’s Gardens with a bid of \$8,100. Motion by Lamar Shoemaker to accept the bid from Gudenkauf Tree Service with a bid of \$4,350. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

ENERGY SOLUTIONS PROFESSIONALS

Brown County Clerk, Dawn Boyles, presented the commission with the final bill from Energy Solutions Professionals. Commissioner Lehmkuhl has spoken with Sheriff Merchant and they are still working at the sheriff’s department. Commissioner Lehmkuhl would like to wait until the work is complete to approve final payment.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Motion by William Pollock to back pay Rodney Allen and Doug Bletscher for pay on vacant positions they were filling, but had not been promoted to that position. Commissioner Lehmkuhl requested an executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Lehmkuhl requested a ten minute 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 Lamar Shoemaker. Closed 10:28 a.m. Opened 10:38 a.m. No binding action was taken.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Motion by William Pollock to reimburse Rodney Allen and Doug Bletscher for pay on vacant positions they were filling, but had not been promoted to that position. Motion died due to lack of second.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Lehmkuhl requested a ten minute executive session. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl for a 10 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three commissioners and Brown County Clerk, Dawn Boyles present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. . Seconded by Lamar Shoemaker. Closed 10:41 a.m. Opened 10:51 a.m. No binding action was taken.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY

Commissioner Pollock would like to speak with Sheriff Merchant and the Judge Patton and the courts about courthouse security.

120th & PLUM TREE

Commissioner Shoemaker discussed a citizen concern the low maintenance road on Plum Tree Road.

Motion by William Pollock to adjourn. Seconded by Lamar Shoemaker. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, April 5, 2021.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

DAWN M. BOYLES, COUNTY CLERK

RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, CHAIRMAN

LAMAR SHOEMAKER, MEMBER

WILLIAM POLLOCK, MEMBER