

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 Boyles. Brown County Attorney, Kevin Hill, was present for a portion of the meeting. 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.

MINUTES

Motion by Lamar Shoemaker to approve the August 31, 2021, minutes. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Lehmkuhl requested a 5 minute Executive Session. Motion by Lamar Shoemaker for a 5 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three commissioners, and County Attorney, Kevin Hill present to discuss legal matters with legal counsel, to protect the Boards privilege and communication with an attorney. Seconded by William Pollock. Closed 8:13 a.m. Opened 8:18 a.m. No binding action was taken.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Brown County Clerk, Dawn Boyles, presented an agreement between Brown County and Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd, LLC for consultation services regarding utilization and reporting of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provided by the American Rescue Plan Act for the commission’s signatures. Motion by Lamar Shoemaker to approve the engagement letter from Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd for the administration of the ARPA funds. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

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Brown County Clerk, Dawn Boyles, presented a request for immediate use of American Rescue Funds. Brown County Emergency Management and NEK Multi County Health Department are requesting \$29,068 for 400 Cepheid (COVID-19) test kits (SAME DAY RESULTS) at \$72.67 each and \$9,365.55 for a full time staff person to administer Cepheid test from September through December 2021. These test kits will be replaced by ordering replacement test kits if the client has insurance that is billed. The commission will wait for the approval from Swindoll, Janzen, Hawk & Loyd before making their decision.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Road and Bridge Secretary, Tami Lehmkuhl, discussed the Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program with the commission. Lehmkuhl presented six bridges that would qualify for the program. The commission would like more information on Bridge OS 145 before making a decision.

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Road and Bridge Secretary, Tami Lehmkuhl, presented the KDOT Cost Share Program information for the commission’s review. Lehmkuhl will contact Brady Hedstrom about the program.

JANITOR

Brown County Clerk, Dawn Boyles, presented a picture of a dying evergreen bush on the southeast corner of the courthouse. The commission viewed the evergreen bush. Janitor, Dave, Schuetz, would like to remove the bushes. Schuetz will remove two of the bushes and trim the other two. If there is problems with the remaining two Schuetz will remove them as well.

Motion by Lamar Shoemaker to adjourn. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, September 13, 2021.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

DAWN M. BOYLES, COUNTY CLERK

RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, CHAIRMAN

LAMAR SHOEMAKER, MEMBER

WILLIAM POLLOCK, MEMBER