

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

SOLID WASTE

Solid Waste Director, George Bruning, requested the landfill continue to be closed on Memorial Day as in years past. The commission sees no issue with this.

APPRAISER

Brown County Appraiser, Steve Markham, discussed the Abstract of Appraised and Assessed Values with the commission.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Community Corrections Director and Assistant Director, Vicki Hubin and Chris Denner, discussed the FY2023 funding for staff salaries. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to allow Hubin and Denner to allocate the funding from April through June. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

The May 4, 2022 payroll was approved as follows: Motion by William Pollock. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

General	\$81,414.78
Road & Bridge	20,333.50
Technology	325.50
Appraiser	7,020.00
Noxious Weed	2,265.36
ACC	6,954.34
JJA Core	4,843.15
Reinvestment Grant	1,570.78
Services for Elderly	2,965.00
Solid Waste	6,239.98
Special MVT	1,480.00
Employee Ben FICA	8,709.06
Employee Ben KPERS	9,872.69
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-123.47
Insurance	-3,592.45
TOTAL	\$150,278.22

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

The May 9, 2022, mid-month claims were approved as follows: Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve accounts payable. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

001 General	\$21,399.58
103 Road & Bridge	2,493.58
125 Employee Benefit	99.90
135 Capital Improvement	12,457.25
143 Appraiser	619.15
147 Noxious Weed	45.06
155 Diversion	187.49
160 911 SB50	108.08
165 ACC	13,466.25
167 JJA CORE	25,713.34
201 Services for Elderly	203.92
211 Solid Waste	120.29
TOTAL:	\$76,913.89

MINUTES

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve the May 2, 2022 minutes. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Lehmkuhl, requested a 4 minute executive session. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl for a 4 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three commissioners, Kevin Hill, County Attorney, and Dawn Boyles, Brown County Clerk, present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by William Pollock. Closed 8:27 a.m. Opened 8:31 a.m. No binding action was taken.

WIND ENERGY

Brown County Blade Watch representative, Cliff Heiniger, presented a list of concerned citizens in regards to wind energy in Brown County. Heiniger also discussed the proposed Pony Express Wind Project.

WIND ENERGY

Motion by William Pollock that the Brown County Commission proceed to enact a moratorium to prohibit the construction of Commercial Wind Energy Conversion Systems consisting of the turbine apparatus and any buildings, roads, interconnect facilities, measurement devices, transmission lines, support structures and other related improvements necessary for the generation of electric power from wind until a Comprehensive Plan is developed to determine how to best protect the County and its residents from the negative effect of such projects.

A Commercial Wind Energy System is a system used to produce electricity by converting the kinetic energy of wind to electrical energy that exceeds 100 kw or exceeds 120 feet in height above grade from the base of the tower structure to the highest point including the rotor blades, or more than one Wind Energy Conversion System of any size proposed and/or constructed by the same person or group of persons on the same or adjoining parcels or as a unified or single generating system. Motion died due to lack of second.

WIND ENERGY

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to begin the process for putting a moratorium in place regarding development of wind energy in Brown County while the county works towards the development of a comprehensive plan and zoning regulations. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

NORTHEAST KANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEMS

The commission discussed the request by the NEKLS to appoint a representative from Brown County. Brown County Clerk, Dawn Boyles, will contact the local library for their input.

SILVER HAIRED LEGISLATURE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Brown County Clerk, Dawn Boyles, presented a letter from the Kansas Silver Haired Legislature Finance Committee requesting funds. The commission would like to research the committee before committing any funds.

SALARY AND WAGE STRUCTURE

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve the amended Salary and Wage structure. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

Motion by William Pollock to adjourn. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, May 16, 2022.

ATTEST:

DAWN M. BOYLES, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED BY:

LAMAR SHOEMAKER, CHAIRMAN

RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, MEMBER

WILLIAM POLLOCK, MEMBER