

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.

PAYROLL

The November 16, 2022 payroll was approved as follows: Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

General	\$87,658.70
Road & Bridge	16,757.50
Election	1,584.00
Appraiser	8,340.01
Noxious Weed	4,168.50
ACC	12,011.45
JJA Core	10,859.95
Reinvestment Grant	1,939.17
Services for Elderly	2,986.25
Solid Waste	6,537.88
Special MVT	4,157.00
Employee Ben FICA	9,843.27
Employee Ben KPERS	12,481.41
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-164.05
Insurance/Vision	-9,394.70
TOTAL	\$169,766.34

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

The November 14, 2022, claims were approved as follows: Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve accounts payable. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

001 General	\$103,133.47
103 Road & Bridge	25,063.59
125 Employee Benefit	95.90
127 Election	10,658.40
147 Noxious Weed	1,830.47
155 Diversion	180.29
160 911 SB 50	108.08
165 ACC	1,511.23
167 JJA CORE	970.15
168 Reinvestment Grant	255.20
201 Services for Elderly	3,031.21
211 Solid Waste	1,829.96
TOTAL:	\$148,667.95

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Lehmkuhl, requested a 10 minute executive session. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl for a 10 minute Executive Session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests, with the three commissioners and Rich Rodvelt present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by William Pollock. Closed 8:19 a.m. Opened 8:29 a.m. No binding action was taken.

MINUTES

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve the November 7, 2022 minutes with the following corrections:

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

Brown County Clerk, Dawn Boyles, discussed the response from the Loyd Group on the six ARPA requests the county had submitted for the Loyd Group’s review. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve payment/reimbursement for the following:
Reimburse Emergency Management – COVID Tests \$5,250
Reimburse Commission – Sheriff Office Security Cameras \$80,000
Reimburse Sheriff – Sheriff Office Security Cameras \$48,713.89
Reimburse Road & Bridge – IworQ Program \$5,000
Seconded by Lamar Shoemaker. Motion carried.

Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

STATE TREASURER

The commission discussed the possibility of a letter to the Kansas State Treasurer, Lynn Rogers, in regards to investments for KPERS. The consensus of the commission is to not send the letter.

SOLID WASTE

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to amend the Solid Waste budget by \$186,500 with a hearing date of December 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Larry Myer and Robbie Parker, requested a 15 minute executive session. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl for a 15 minute Executive Session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests, with the three commissioners, Larry Myer, and Robbie Parker, present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by William Pollock. Closed 8:40 a.m. Opened 8:55 a.m. No binding action was taken.

CANVASS MEETING

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to recess from the regular meeting to go into the canvass of ballots of the November 8, 2022, General Election. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

CANVASS OF BALLOTS

The November 8, 2022, General Election voting records were canvassed. There were 32 provisional ballots. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve the counting of 18 provisional ballots and 14 provisional ballots not counted, all according to Kansas State Statutes. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

CANVASS FINAL

Brown County Clerk, Dawn Boyles, reported there were 3,405 total votes cast and a 52.12% voter turnout for Brown County, including the provisional ballots. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to accept the November 8, 2022, General Election canvass. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to reconvene the regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried. Meeting reconvened at 10:06 a.m.

SECOND HARVEST

Chad Higdon, Second Harvest Chief Executive Officer, updated the commission on their previous ARPA request.

HIAWATHA BASEBALL & SOFTBALL CLUB

Troy Kolb, Hiawatha Baseball and Softball Club member, updated the commission on their previous ARPA request and the progress on their project.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Motion by Lamar Shoemaker to reduce the GAP threshold from \$1,000 to \$500 for Single Tier and \$2,000 to \$1,000 for multi-tier plans for 2023. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

Brown County Clerk, Dawn Boyles, discussed the various requests from the first round submitted for ARPA funding. Boyles will consult with County Attorney, Kevin Hill, about the radios request and what is needed to move forward.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

Motion by Lamar Shoemaker to approve \$217,788.50 incentive/retention bonuses for county employees with the exception of the 3 commissioners. The amount is based on hours worked. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

Motion by Lamar Shoemaker affirming that the Board of County Commissioners believe that the pay should be paid to all employees working during the relevant time frame, Including those whose pay may be over \$74,000, for reasons including retention and/or incentive for work performed during the pandemic. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

JANITOR

Discussion on the purchase of a gator for courthouse square yard work has been tabled until next week.

EMPLOYEE RAISES

Brown County Clerk, Dawn Boyles, discussed a 50¢ Cost of Living Raise for 2023. The commission would like to table further discussion until next week.

ADJOURN

Motion by William Pollock to adjourn. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, November 21, 2022.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

DAWN M. BOYLES, COUNTY CLERK

LAMAR SHOEMAKER, CHAIRMAN

RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, MEMBER

WILLIAM POLLOCK, MEMBER