

November 13, 2017  
The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Steve Roberts, Dwight Kruse, and Keith Olsen. Also present were County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, and Deputy County Clerk, Dawn Boyles. Steve Roberts opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

**PAYROLL**

The November 8, 2017 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$60,184.23
Road & Bridge	13,363.55
Election	3,580.77
Technology	608.06
Appraiser	6,940.00
Noxious Weed	1,801.59
Co Atty Diversion	5,791.16
ACC	6,053.07
JJA Core	6,768.66
ACE Fund	161.81
Services for Elderly	2,700.00
Solid Waste	2,446.29
Special MVT	2,281.51
Employee Ben FICA	7,290.10
Employee Ben KPERS	9,066.27
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-172.06
Insurance	-2,140.26
TOTAL	\$126,724.75

**SHERIFF**

John Merchant, Brown County Sheriff, reported there are 26 inmates, 21 males and 5 females, currently at the Brown County Jail.

**NOXIOUS WEED**

Brown County Noxious Weed Director, George Bruning, presented the annual KDOT spraying contract to the Commission for their signatures. The annual KDOT fees will be \$30 per hour for labor and \$40 per hour for equipment. Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the contract with KDOT. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

**NOXIOUS WEED**

Brown County Noxious Weed Director, George Bruning, presented a quote of \$25,171.06 for two new sprayers from Fairbank Equipment. Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the purchase of the two new sprayers. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Dwight Kruse to approve the November 6, 2017, minutes. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**

Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, presented the JJA Award for the Commission's signatures.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, discussed the lease agreement with the Brown County Historical Society pertaining to the property located at 607 Utah Street, Hiawatha.

**FAS-6**

Bid openings for the replacement of Bridge FAS-6 were as follows: Norfolk Contracting with a bid of \$297,855, Bettis Asphalt and Construction Inc. with a bid of \$498,900, Ebert Construction Company Inc. with a bid of \$391,536.14, King Construction Company Inc. with a bid of \$347,000, and Reece Construction with a bid of \$315,146.66. Motion by Steve Roberts to accept Norfolk Contracting’s bid of \$297,855. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Keith Olsen for a five minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three commissioners and District # 1 Road Foreman, Herb Roland, and Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, present to discuss personnel matters of non elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Closed 9:09 a.m. Opened 9:19 a.m. No binding action was taken.

Motion by Keith Olsen to adjourn. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

**CANVASS OF BALLOTS**

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met as provided by KSA 25-3101 as a Canvassing Board to canvass the returns from the November 7, 2017, City/School Election. The following members were present: Steve Roberts, Dwight Kruse and Keith Olsen. Also present were County Clerk/Election Officer Melissa Gormley and Deputy County Clerk Dawn Boyles. Steve Roberts opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Motion by Steve Roberts to allow Deputy County Clerk Dawn Boyles to assist in canvassing the ballots. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried. The November 7, 2017, City/School voting records were canvassed. There were 10 provisional ballots.

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the counting of 6 provisional ballots, with 4 provisional ballots not counted, all according to Kansas State Statutes. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

Election Officer Melissa Gormley reported an 11.05% voter turnout for Brown County, including the provisional ballots.

Motion by Keith Olsen to accept the November 7, 2017, City/School Election canvass. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the canvassing meeting by Steve Roberts. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, November 20, 2017.

ATTEST:

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MELISSA GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED BY:

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STEVE ROBERTS, CHAIRMAN

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KEITH OLSEN, MEMBER

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DWIGHT A. KRUSE, MEMBER