

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Dwight A. Kruse, Keith Olsen, and Richard L. Lehmkuhl. Also present was Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley. County Attorney Kevin Hill and Deputy County Clerk Dawn Boyles were present for a portion of the meeting. Dwight Kruse opened the meeting at 8:10 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Pastor Alan Ely led the meeting with a prayer.

MINUTES

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the March 2, 2020, minutes. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

NOXIOUS WEED

George Bruning, Noxious Weed Director gave an update on the soil sample at the landfill. Bruning discussed the HHW with the commission, he has been in contact with Jackson County. Bruning has been in the Noxious Weed Department for 25 years. He was recognized for his years of service at the annual Noxious Weed meeting.

ATTORNEY

Brown County Attorney Kevin Hill presented a Settlement and Release Agreement for \$32,934.00 by Hanover Insurance Company and Custom Agri Systems, Inc. for the generator. Motion to approve the execution of Settlement and Release by Keith Olsen. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

Hill discussed properties that J & B Contractors has been maintaining. Motion by Keith Olsen to allow the sale of lots to J & B Contractors for \$10.00. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

Hill spoke about properties that did not sell at the tax sale. He advised the commission to consider bids commencing July 1, 2020 for a minimum of \$10.00 on properties that did not sale on the last tax sale. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to consider bids commencing July 1, 2020 for a minimum of \$10.00 on properties that did not sale on the last tax sale. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Nellie Brockhoff, Brown County Register of Deeds, presented a quarterly report. She also discussed the work she is doing for the census.

IT DEPARTMENT

Sandy Carter, IT Director, updated the commission on the landfill. The landfill is now accepting debit/credit cards. Carter also updated the commission on the new bid module on the Brown County website.

HIAWATHA TOWNSHIP

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to appoint James Ward to the Hiawatha Township Clerk position. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

Ward will fill the unexpired term of Jordanne Shockley.

ROAD & BRIDGE PERMIT 20-01

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve Road and Bridge Permit 20-01. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

HIAWATHA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Motion by Keith Olsen to allow the Hiawatha Chamber of Commerce use of the courthouse and courthouse square for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

SAC & FOX

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the Sac and Fox occupational license. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

MARVIN PLANNING

Keith Marvin, Marvin Planning, was present to discuss a comprehensive plan with the commission. Marvin discussed his experience in City and County Planning. Marvin spoke about what is expected from the commission if they were to move forward. The cost to the county would be anywhere between \$40,000.00 and \$60,000.00 if the commission pursues.

FAMILY HERITAGE

Monica Leighner, Family Heritage, was present to discuss supplemental insurance with the commission.

CITY OF MORRILL

The City of Morrill is requesting relief from the county for a building they may be tearing down.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Brown County Commissioner Dwight Kruse, requested a two minute executive session. Motion by Keith Olsen for a two minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, and County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, present to discuss personnel matter of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Closed 10:57 a.m. Opened 10:59 a.m. No binding action was taken.

BARTLETT & WEST

Vic Burks, Bartlett and West Engineers, spoke with the commission concerning a comprehensive plan. Burks explained what is expected from the commission if they moved forward. Burks discussed his experience in comprehensive planning. Burks mentioned several variables and stated the minimum the county would have to pay is \$50,000.

SHERIFF

Brown County Sheriff, John Merchant, was present to discuss the courthouse security. Merchant reiterated that all weapons are to be left at the gun boxes and returned upon leaving. The burn ban was also discussed. All persons wanting to burn need to call the Sheriff's Office.

Motion by Keith Olsen to adjourn. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 12:02 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 16, 2020.

ATTEST:

MELISSA GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED BY:

DWIGHT A. KRUSE, CHAIRMAN

KEITH OLSEN, MEMBER

RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, MEMBER