

December 10, 2018  
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. County Attorney Kevin Hill was present for a portion of the meeting. Steve Roberts opened the meeting at 8:10 a.m.

**PAYROLL**

The December 5, 2018 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$75,561.60
Road & Bridge	16,156.21
Election	245.77
Technology	303.19
Appraiser	5,080.02
Noxious Weed	1,676.25
Diversion	981.68
ACC	6,292.18
JJA Core	6,989.18
Reinvestment Grant	1,693.64
Services for Elderly	1,852.50
Solid Waste	4,262.25
Special MVT	2,560.01
Employee Ben FICA	8,053.56
Employee Ben KPERS	9,804.16
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-105.35
Insurance	-2,627.47
TOTAL	\$138,779.38

**TAXES**

Commissioner Olsen stated his taxes went up 22%. He wants the community to know the increase did not go to the employee raises. People need to read tax statements and call Senator Dennis Pyle and Representative Randy Garber.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2018, regular meeting. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

**LAND PURCHASE**

Commissioner Olsen stated that the land Ian Schuetz indicated interest in at last weeks meeting is a township road.

**BUDGET**

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve publication of the amended 2018 Solid Waste budget. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. The hearing will take place on December 28, 2018, at 8:10 a.m.

**TAX CHANGE ORDERS**

Tax Change Orders 2017-114, 2018-12 through 2018-16, and 2018-18 through 2018-23 were signed and approved.

**SHERIFF**

Richard Lehmkuhl, Brown County Sheriff Chaplain, reported there are 30 inmates, 23 males and 7 females, currently at the Brown County Jail.

**SHERIFF**

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the transfer of two vehicles and \$500 to HD Repair in exchange for services. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried. The two vehicles were up for sealed bid and all bids were rejected.

**WIND ENERGY**

County Attorney, Kevin Hill, updated the Commission on the possibility of a wind farm in Brown County. Hill indicated there will be a Conditional Use Permit he is currently preparing. Hill also stated it would be about a year before any construction would take place. Hill suggested the County start looking at engineering firms for assessments. County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, has already been in contact with three firms.

**ATTORNEY FLAT FEE CONTRACT**

Motion by Keith Olsen to accept and sign the contract for the attorney flat fee contract of Elizabeth Olsen for \$2,000 per month effective January 1, 2019. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

**NEK CAP**

Motion by Dwight Kruse to reappoint Jim Scherer to the NEK CAP Board of Directors. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

**EMPLOYEE RAISES**

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve a 50 cent raise to all employees with the exception of the County Commission to go into effect January 1, 2019. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Roberts to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, December 17, 2018.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

MELISSA GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

STEVE ROBERTS, CHAIRMAN

DWIGHT A. KRUSE, MEMBER

KEITH OLSEN, MEMBER