

March 2, 2020

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 were Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, and Deputy County Clerk, Dawn Boyles. County Attorney, Kevin Hill was 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. Richard Lehmkuhl led the meeting with a prayer.

SHERIFF

Brown County Sheriff, John Merchant, presented Dispatcher, Paige Powell, a certificate of recognition for her quick thinking and dispatching to the November 16, 2019, accident west of Hiawatha.

TODD WIDMAN

Brown County Attorney, Kevin Hill, requested 20 seconds of silence in remembrance of Officer Todd Widman. Widman lost his life in the line of duty on March 1, 2000.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Manager, Don Pounds, discussed the coronavirus and the steps he is taking to be prepared in the event Brown County were to have any cases.

MINUTES

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the February 28, 2020, minutes. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the Washington Township Annual Report.

AFLAC

DeAnn Hinkle, AFLAC District Coordinator, and Craig Johnston, Regional Coordinator, discussed insurance options AFLAC has to offer the county.

HIAWATHA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Julie Rosa, HCH Doctor, updated the commission on Hiawatha Community Hospital.

TUBES AND BANDS BID OPENING

Tube bids for the three road districts were opened. Bids for the combined three districts were as follows: Welborn Sales with a bid of \$67,222.75; Metal Culverts with a bid of \$70,738.92; J & J Drainage Products, Inc. with a bid of \$90,256.20. District 2 Road Foreman Jerry Hisle was present for the bid opening. Motion by Keith Olsen to accept the bid from Welborn Sales for \$67,222.75. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

HAY BIDS OPENING

Hay bids for the Transfer Station's approximately 60 acres of brome hay ground were as follows: Ray Vonderschmidt with a bid of \$1,525 total; Troy Kolb with a bid of \$1,875 total; Compton Brothers with a bid of \$2,460; C & D Haying with a bid of \$1,800. Motion by Keith Olsen to accept the bid of Compton Brothers with a bid of \$2,460. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

INVENERGY

Patrick Caldwell, Analyst Transmission Development, and Krista Mann, Director Renewable Development, introduced themselves and discussed the Grain Belt Express that will run through 14 counties in Kansas, including Brown County.

NRCS

Matt Sprick, NRCS Supervisory District Conservationist, gave an update on the completion of the 290th Streambank Stabilization project.

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, March 9, 2020.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

MELISSA GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

DWIGHT A. KRUSE, CHAIRMAN

KEITH OLSEN, MEMBER

RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, MEMBER