

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

SHERIFF

John Merchant, Brown County Sheriff, reported there are 22 inmates, 15 males and 7 females, currently at the Brown County Jail. Merchant also updated the commissioners on the 911 progress.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Steve Roberts for a five minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, Brown County Sheriff, John Merchant, 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 8:12. Opened 8:17. No binding action was taken.

TREASURER

Brown County Treasurer, Cheryl Lippold, was present to introduce her new employee, Kevin Kneisley. His start date is August 6, 2018.

MINUTES

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

AG PARTNERS

Motion by Dwight Kruse to accept and sign the winter propane contract for the landfill. The total cost is set at \$2070.00 Seconded by Keith Olson. Motion carried

ROAD AND BRIDGE

District 1 Foreman, Herb Roland, was present to discuss the oil distributor. There is a problem with the wiring, which is causing the computer to read incorrectly. Van Keppel is coming to the road shop to do the repairs.

2019 BROWN COUNTY BUDGET HEARING

Motion by Dwight Kruse to go into budget hearing session. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.
The 2019 budget is set at 10.9 million. The estimated tax rate is 31.937 and is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation. No one from the public was present to discuss the budget.
Motion by Keith Olsen to accept the 2019 Brown County Budget as published. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.
Motion by Steve Roberts to go back into regular session. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

HFED

Michaela Moore, HFED Director, along with HFED Board Members, TJ Wilson and Ben Walker were present to discuss the Microloan for the Bread Bowl. Also present were Jake Wisdom, Wisdom CPA, Tom Kidwell, GN President, and Connie Matthewson, GN Bank VP-BSA/AML Officer. The committee discussed what they could in public session about the current situation with the microloan. After discussion, Commissioner Roberts suggested that the HFED committee meet again with new information that Mr. Wisdom has.
Motion by Keith Olsen to table the Microloan decision until after the HFED Committee and Wisdom meet. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

HIAWATHA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND VISTORS BUREAU

Elizabeth Lane, HCVB Director, was present to speak with the commissioners about the dates and time of the Maple Leaf Festival and to get the conversation started about the Hiawatha Halloween Frolic.
Motion by Keith Olsen to allow use of the Courthouse and Courthouse Square, for the Maple Leaf Festival on Saturday, September 22, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and for the Halloween Frolic on Wednesday, October 31, 2018, time to be determined. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

Motion by Keith Olsen to adjourn. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 14, 2018, for the regular meeting and the canvass.

ATTEST:

MELISSA GORMLEY,
COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED BY:

STEVE ROBERTS, CHAIRMAN

DWIGHT A. KRUSE, MEMBER

KEITH OLSEN, MEMBER