

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Keith Olsen, Dwight A. Kruse, and Richard L. Lehmkuhl. Also present was County Clerk, Melissa Gormley. Keith Olsen opened the meeting at 8:10 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Reverend Jim Farris of Calvary Temple Assembly of God Church led the meeting with a prayer.

SHERIFF

Brown County Sheriff, John Merchant, reported that there are 15 inmates in the County Jail, 11 males and 4 females.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl for a ten minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners and Sheriff Merchant present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Closed 8:11 a.m. Opened 8:21 a.m. No binding action was taken.

SOLID WASTE STATION

Brown County Solid Waste Director, Charlie Brockhoff, was present to discuss the Household Hazardous Waste with the Commissioners.

JJA/ACC

Venice Sloan, JJA Director, requested signatures from the commission for the Reinvestment Grant.

HIAWATHA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

John Broberg, Hiawatha Hospital CEO, updated the commission on the Town Hall Meetings that are now complete. He inquired as to the early voter count. Clerk Gormley informed Broberg and the Commission the count on Friday was 305.

APPRAISER

Steve Markham, Brown County Appraiser, was present to discuss the certification that was completed last week.

UNITED 4 YOUTH

Celene Holtahaus was present to discuss the United 4 Youth program. She was joined by Elysia McGill, SADD Chapter Sponsor, Ainsley Smith, and Spencer Strahm. Smith discussed the SADD program that she is involved with through school. Holthaus stated the liquor stores in Sabetha are on the Brown County side and they would like some of the sales tax dollars generated from local alcohol for their programs. A portion of the money currently goes to KANZA Mental Health. Commissioner Lehmkuhl will look into the matter and report back.

MINUTES

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve the May 13, 2019 minutes. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

TAX CHANGE ORDERS

Tax Change orders 2018-125 and 2018-126 were signed and approved.

COURTHOUSE LAWN

Nick Haedt, Certified Arborist, Grimm's Gardens, was present to discuss the trees in the lawn of the Courthouse. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to have Grimm's Gardens trim the trees around the courthouse square for \$1800.00. Seconded by Dwight Kruse.

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to adjourn. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 9:35 a.m. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 28 2019.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

MELISSA GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

KEITH OLSEN, CHAIRMAN

DWIGHT A. KRUSE, MEMBER

RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, MEMBER