

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

February 4, 2019

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

SHERIFF

Brown County Sheriff, John Merchant, reported that there are 14 male inmates and 1 female inmate in the county jail.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Dwight Kruse for a 5 minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners and County Sheriff, John Merchant, present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Closed at 8:11 a.m. Opened at 8:16 a.m. No binding action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl for a 5 minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, Brown County Attorney, Kevin Hill, and Deputy County Clerk, Dawn Boyles, present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Closed at 8:18 a.m. Opened at 8:23 a.m. No binding action was taken.

BG CONSULTANTS

Brown County Attorney, Kevin Hill, discussed the Consultant-Client Agreement with BG Consultants. Hill recommends the Commission not sign the agreement. The Commission did not sign the agreement due to lack of motion.

CEMETERY DISTRICT

Brown County Attorney, Kevin Hill, discussed the request by the City of Hiawatha to impose a tax by resolution to form a cemetery district. Hill suggests the Commission request the cemetery district be formed by way of petition of 51% of the registered voters in the proposed district. Motion by Keith Olsen to sign a letter requesting the cemetery district be formed by way of petition of 51% of the registered voters in the proposed district. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried. Lehmkuhl would like to hear more about the proposed district.

HOSPITAL FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

Brown County Attorney, Kevin Hill, informed the Commission there will be a meeting today with the newly formed Hiawatha Hospital Financial Committee in regards to Hiawatha Hospital critical financial situation. The committee consists of City of Hiawatha Mayor, William Collins, City of Hiawatha Administrator, Mike Nichols, City of Horton, Bryan Stirton, Brown County Commissioner, Dwight Kruse, Brown County Attorney, Kevin Hill, and Hiawatha Hospital Board, Jake Wisdom.

MINUTES

Motion by Dwight Kruse to approve the January 31, 2019, minutes. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

APPRAISER

Chairman Olsen announced Brown County has hired Steve Markham as the new Brown County Appraiser at \$55,000 per year. Markham will start within the next 60 days in order to allow him time to relocate to Brown County.

LANDFILL

Motion by Richard L. Lehmkuhl to charge an unloading fee of \$35.00 for every trailer and roll off the landfill employees must help unload. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried. This rate is effective starting February 1, 2019.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Keith Olsen for a 10 minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, Brown County Deputy Appraiser, Teresa Clements, and Deputy County Clerk, Dawn Boyles, present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Closed at 9:05 a.m. Opened at 9:15 a.m. No binding action was taken.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Richard Lehmkuhl. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:20 a.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, February 11, 2018.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

MELISSA L GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

KEITH OLSEN, CHAIRMAN

DWIGHT A. KRUSE MEMBER

RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, MEMBER