

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 were County Clerk Melissa Gormley and 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. Pastor Shane Spangler led the meeting with a prayer.

PAYROLL

The May 22, 2019 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$72,760.86
Road & Bridge	14,838.95
Election	245.77
Technology	1,188.94
Appraiser	6,765.38
Noxious Weed	1,594.00
ACC	9,676.93
JJA Core	10,952.02
Reinvestment Grant	3,074.09
Services for Elderly	2,713.50
Solid Waste	4,148.51
Special MVT	2,600.01
Employee Ben FICA	7,928.55
Employee Ben KPERS	9,722.10
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-215.46
Insurance	-10,989.04
TOTAL	\$137,005.11

SHERIFF

Brown County Sheriff, John Merchant, reported that there are 19 inmates, 10 male and 9 female, in the County Jail.

SHERIFF

Brown County Deputy, Brian Guilliams, updated the commission on the new Ford Raptor pick up at the Brown County Sheriff's Department.

LIGHTS & SIRENS PERMIT

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve John Merchant Jr. for a Lights and Sirens Permit. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE

Brad Rosenberger, J & B Construction, discussed the two proposed handicap accessible ramps from Oregon Street on the North side of the courthouse with a cost of \$5,000. Motion by Dwight Kruse to allow J & B Construction to install two handicap accessible ramps from Oregon Street on the north side of the courthouse with a cost of \$5,000. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve the May 20, 2019, minutes. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

CEMETERY DISTRICT #14

Brown County Attorney, Kevin Hill, discussed amending Resolution 2019-09 creating a Cemetery District. Hill discussed the expansion to allow board members living within a 25 mile radius of Cemetery District #14 to be on the board. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to amend Resolution 2019-09 to allow board members living within a 25 mile radius of Cemetery District #14 to be on the board. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

2020 HOLIDAYS

Motion by Dwight Kruse to approve the 2020 Holidays for Brown County as follows. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1, 2020
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 20, 2020
Presidents Day	Monday, February 17, 2020
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25, 2020
Independence Day	Friday, July 3, 2020
Labor Day	Monday, September 7, 2020
Veterans Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2020
Thanksgiving Holiday	Thursday, November 26, 2020 Friday, November 27, 2020
Christmas Holiday	Thursday, December 24, 2020 Friday, December 25, 2020

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, presented Emergency Management agreement with Jackson County, Nemaha County, Doniphan County, and Richardson County for the commission's approval. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve the Emergency Management agreement with Jackson county, Nemaha county, Doniphan county, and Richardson county. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

UNITY FOR ALL

Debbie Duncan, Unity for All Director, requested a donation for Unity for All formerly known as DOVES. Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, indicated there is a budgeted amount of \$4,000 for DOVES. Duncan will send a request to the Clerk's office.

ROAD SAFETY PLAN

Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, presented the Local Road Safety Plan Funding Application for the commission’s review. Motion by Dwight Kruse to sign the application for the Local Road Safety Funding. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

HIAWATHA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

John Broberg, Hiawatha Community Hospital CEO, updated the commission on Hiawatha Community Hospital. Broberg also invited the commission to Hiawatha Community Hospital Board Meeting today at 4:00 p.m. and a meeting with Senator Pat Roberts on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

DEAN TOLLEFSON

Brown County resident, Dean Tollefson, visited with commission about Dr. Conrad. Dr. Conrad was one of the founders of Hiawatha Community Hospital.

RECESS

Chairman Keith Olsen asked for a motion to recess until 9:00. Died due to lack of motion.

LIGHTS & SIRENS PERMIT

Jeremy Stover discussed his Lights and Sirens permit with the Commission.

CANVASS MEETING

Motion by Dwight Kruse to recess into the Canvass Meeting. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

CANVASS OF BALLOTS

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to allow Deputy County Clerk Dawn Boyles to assist in canvassing the ballots. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

The May 21, 2019, Special Election voting records were canvassed. There were 51 provisional ballots. Motion by Dwight Kruse to approve the counting of 26 provisional ballots, with 25 provisional ballots not counted, all according to Kansas State Statutes. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

Election Officer Melissa Gormley reported a 37.84% voter turnout for Brown County, including the provisional ballots. The totals were as follows: Yes votes = 1,097 and No votes = 1,126.

Motion by Dwight Kruse to accept the May 21, 2019, Special Election canvass. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

Motion by Dwight Kruse to reconvene the regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

CONSTELLATION ENERGY

Mark Gomez, Constellation Energy, discussed energy costs with the commission. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to go with the four year 50/50 option and lock it in at \$2.77. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

BILL POLLOCK

Brown County Resident, Bill Pollock, discussed his concerns with Brown County giving tax money to organizations which are not accountable to the tax payers of Brown County.

Motion by Dwight Kruse to adjourn. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m. The next meeting will be held Friday, May 31, 2019, to approve month end bills.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

MELISSA GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

KEITH OLSEN, CHAIRMAN

DWIGHT A. KRUSE, MEMBER

RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, MEMBER