

November 18, 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 were Brown 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 Jim Farris led the meeting with a prayer.

PAYROLL

The November 6, 2019 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$70,215.43
Road & Bridge	12,886.77
Election	1,854.15
Technology	1,565.06
Appraiser	7,400.33
Noxious Weed	1,572.51
ACC	6,883.79
JJA Core	6,652.68
Reinvestment Grant	1,753.31
Services for Elderly	2,666.25
Solid Waste	4,153.15
Special MVT	2,640.01
Employee Ben FICA	7,590.10
Employee Ben KPERS	9,758.60
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-291.57
Insurance	-3156.84
TOTAL	\$134,143.73

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl for a 10 minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, Brown County Sheriff, John Merchant, and Dispatcher, Brittney Phroper, present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Closed 8:12 a.m. Opened 8:22 a.m. No binding action was taken.

SHERIFF

Brown County Sheriff, John Merchant, reported on the fatality accident in Brown County over the weekend.

MINUTES

Motion by Dwight Kruse to approve the November 4, 2019, minutes. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

RUTH AND ROGER WOLFE CHARITABLE TRUST

The commission signed a letter to the Ruth and Roger and Wolfe Trust requesting for \$3,315.40 for four picnic tables for courthouse square.

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Commissioner Dwight Kruse updated the commission on the KAC meeting he attended last week.

TAX CHANGE ORDERS

Tax Change orders 2018-148 and 2018-149 were signed and approved.

HIAWATHA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Joey May, Hiawatha Chamber of Commerce, requested use of the Courthouse and Courthouse Square on Saturday, November 30, 2019, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the annual Christmas Lighting and Santa Comes to Town. May also requested use of the lobby and restrooms from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to allow use of the Courthouse and Courthouse Square. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

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 November 5, 2019, City/School General Election voting records were canvassed. There were 40 provisional ballots. Motion by Dwight Kruse to approve the counting of 30 provisional ballots, with 10 provisional ballots not counted, all according to Kansas State Statutes. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

TIE BREAKERS

Brown County Election Officer, Melissa Gormley, reported there were three ties for positions within the county. The names drawn were as follows: Robinson City Council, Ron Wissler, Morrill City Council, Leon Huning, and Fairview City Council, Margaret Wikle.

Election Officer Melissa Gormley reported a 43.47% voter turnout for Brown County, including the provisional ballots. Motion by Dwight Kruse to accept the November 5, 2019, City/School General Election canvass. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Dwight Kruse to adjourn. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, November 25, 2019.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

MELISSA GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

KEITH OLSEN, CHAIRMAN

DWIGHT A. KRUSE, MEMBER

RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, MEMBER