

June 10, 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. Keith Olsen opened the meeting at 8:10 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Pastor Alan Aley led the meeting with a prayer.

PAYROLL

The June 5, 2019 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$73,848.60
Road & Bridge	15,118.25
Election	245.77
Technology	933.95
Appraiser	7,434.63
Noxious Weed	2,149.69
ACC	6,508.18
JJA Core	7,153.42
Reinvestment Grant	1,751.43
Services for Elderly	2,447.75
Solid Waste	3,970.63
Special MVT	2,560.00
Employee Ben FICA	8,025.75
Employee Ben KPERS	9,957.61
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-219.01
Insurance	-2,973.20
TOTAL	\$138,913.45

SHERIFF

Brown County Sheriff, John Merchant, reported that there are 17 inmates in the County Jail, 14 males and 4 females.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl for a 15 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 8:26 a.m. No binding action was taken.

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 8:26 a.m. Opened 8:36 a.m. No binding action was taken.

JANITOR

Courthouse Janitors, Manny Martinez and Ben Walker, updated the Commission on the generator issues. Walker discussed Westar Energy indicated there are updates needed to bring the generator up to code. Martinez and Walker will get three bids for the generator and return them to the Commission.

JANITOR

Courthouse Janitors, Manny Martinez and Ben Walker, presented a quote from Kyle’s Tree Service to remove the Maple and the Cottonwood trees on the west side of the courthouse. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to accept the bid from Kyle’s Tree Service for \$530 to remove the trees. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

TREASURER

Brown County Treasurer, Cheryl Lippold, introduced Amanda Wilson as the new employee in the Treasurer’s office.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Matt Sprick, Supervisory District Conservationist at USDA, discussed four locations he indicated may be eligible for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program. Motion by Dwight Kruse to sign the request for Federal assistance under the Emergency Watershed Protection Program. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

James Stuart, Emergency Management Director, presented a list of individuals he would like to be appointed to the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to appoint the list of individuals. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

James Stuart, Emergency Management Director, discussed storm damage in Brown County and the possible federal assistance available.

RESOLUTION 2019-11

Motion by Dwight Kruse to approve Resolution 2019-11, a proclamation of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Brown County. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl for a five minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners and Emergency Management Director, James Stuart, present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Closed 9:03 a.m. Opened 9:08 a.m. No binding action was taken.

COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Keith Olsen stated Emergency Management will temporarily be located in the Courthouse.

KPERS 457

Len Lehmann, Retirement Plan Counselor KPERS 457, and Arlen Zentner, Deferred Compensation Plan Officer, discussed the KPERS 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, which is a voluntary retirement savings plan offered through KPERS. The Commission would like to start the process to get the program started in Brown County.

MINUTES

Motion by Dwight Kruse to approve the June 3, 2019, minutes. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

MAPLE LEAF FESTIVAL

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to allow the Hiawatha Chamber of Commerce to use the Brown County Courthouse square and the restrooms for the Maple Leaf Festival on September 21, 2019, from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

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Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl for a five minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners 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 9:27 a.m. Opened 9:33 a.m. No binding action was taken.

BG CONSULTANTS

Moni El-Aasar, Vice President BG Consultants, discussed a fiber optic line located at Bridge OS-226. El-Aasar also discussed the culvert located in District 2 that is needing replaced. Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the engineering study to replace the culvert. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

HORTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Glen Obbards, Horton Chamber of Commerce President, requested funding for the Topeka Drumline and a meal for the drumline for the Brown County Fair parade on Friday, July 12, 2019. Motion by Dwight Kruse to sponsor \$750 for the Topeka Drumline for the Brown County Fair Parade. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

MINUTES CORRECTION

Motion by Dwight Kruse to correct the May 31, 2019, minutes to read as follows:

ROAD & BRDIGE

Commissioner, Keith Olsen, discussed an engineering study of the replacement of a concrete culvert located in District 2. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl for a ten minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners 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 10:05 a.m. Opened 10:15 a.m. No binding action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Dwight Kruse for a five minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners and Emergency Management Director, James Stuart, 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 10:17 a.m. Opened 10:23 a.m. No binding action taken.

COMMISSIONERS

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to suspend Brown County Emergency Management Director, James Stuart, for one week without pay. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

Motion by Dwight Kruse to adjourn. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 10:25 a.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, June 17, 2019.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

MELISSA GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

KEITH OSLEN, CHAIRMAN

DWIGHT A. KRUSE, MEMBER

RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, MEMBER