

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 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. 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 11 male inmates in the County Jail.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

SHERIFF

Sheriff Merchant would like to thank everybody in the community for their help during the weekend snowstorm.

TREASURER

Brown County Treasurer, Cheryl Lippold, discussed with the Commissioners the sale of Morrill and Janes Bank to Bank of Blue Valley Kansas City. Lippold stated the name will remain the same.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The new Board of Brown County Commissioners, Keith Olsen, Dwight Kruse, and Richard Lehmkuhl, convened for re-organization purposes.

RESOLUTION #19-01

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve Resolution #19-01, which appoints Keith Olsen as 2019 Brown County Commission Chairman. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Dwight Kruse to approve the January 7, 2019 minutes. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve the January 14, 2019 minutes. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #19-02

Motion by Dwight Kruse to approve Resolution #19-02, which designates the following as the official 2019 Brown County Banks: for checking and investments—Citizens State Bank & Trust Company and Morrill & Janes State Bank. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #19-03

Motion by Dwight Kruse to approve Resolution #19-03, which designates the Horton Headlight as the 2019 legal Brown County newspaper, with the Hiawatha World to also publish many of the same legal publications. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #19-04

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve Resolution #19-04, approving the 2019 Brown County Personnel Policy effective January 1, 2019. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #19-05

Motion by Dwight Kruse to approve Resolution #19-05, which adopts the GAAP Waiver policy for auditing purposes. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

The January 16, 2019 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$75,899.73
Road & Bridge	14,635.85
Election	245.77
Technology	825.57
Appraiser	5,240.02
Noxious Weed	1,806.75
ACC	9,745.83
JJA Core	11,099.12
Reinvestment Grant	3,092.91
Services for Elderly	2,450.25
Solid Waste	4,084.50
Special MVT	0
Employee Ben FICA	7,800.35
Employee Ben KPERS	9,901.49
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-213.14
Insurance	-10,769.01
TOTAL	\$135,845.99

COMMISSIONERS

County Attorney, Kevin Hill, discussed having a joint meeting with Hiawatha City to discuss the Hiawatha Hospital. Commissioner Olsen asked Hill if it was open to the public and if the County Clerk had to attend. Hill informed Olsen that it was

a public meeting.

Motion by Dwight Kruse to approve a joint meeting with the City of Hiawatha to discuss the Hiawatha Hospital. The meeting will take place on January 28, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. in the large courtroom on the third floor of the Brown County Courthouse. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY

Brown County Attorney, Kevin Hill, discussed adopting a Guideline for Citizen Participation at County Commission Meetings. The Commissioners will review the guidelines and get back to Hill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Keith Olsen for a ten minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, Brown County Attorney, Kevin Hill, 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 8:53 a.m. Opened 9:03 a.m. No binding action was taken.

BG CONSULTANTS

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to allow BG Consultants to do an engineering study for a stop sign to be located at 230th Street and Mulberry Road. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Olsen discussed J-Six Farms purchasing “Caution Trucks Entering” road signs to be installed on Highway 36 between Foxtail Road and Falcon Road. Motion by Dwight Kruse to sign a letter of recommendation to the state to install the caution signs. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

KANSAS COUNTY HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION

Motion by Dwight Kruse to approve the 2019 Kansas Highway Association dues of \$90. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

TAX CHANGE ORDERS

Tax Change Orders 2018-32, 2018-36 through 2018-38, and 2018-58 were signed and approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Keith Olsen for a ten minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Closed 9:30 a.m. Opened 9:40 a.m. No binding action was taken.

WIND ENERGY

Wayne Blackburn, Coffey County Engineer, discussed the wind energy activity in Coffey County. Blackburn had the wrong date on his calendar. The Commissioners asked if he could return January 28, 2019. Blackburn will discuss that possibility with the Coffey County Commissioners and let Clerk Gormley know.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Keith Olsen for a fifteen minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, Brown County Deputy Appraiser, Teresa Clements, Brown County Clerk Melissa Gormley, and the interviewee for an interview for the Appraiser position. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Closed 10:37 a.m. Opened 10:52 a.m. No binding action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Keith Olsen for a five minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners, Brown County Deputy Appraiser, Teresa Clements, Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley and the interviewee for an interview for the Appraiser position present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Closed 10:52 a.m. Opened 10:57 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, Brown County Deputy Appraiser, Teresa Clements, 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 Keith Olsen. Closed 10:52 a.m. Opened 10:57 a.m. No binding action was taken.

APPRAISER

Motion by Dwight Kruse to offer the Appraiser position to Steve Markham with salary at \$53,560.00. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS

Motion by Dwight Kruse to adopt the Guidelines for Citizen Participation at County Commission Meetings. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl.

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to adjourn. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 12:01 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, January 28, 2019, on the 3rd floor, Courtroom.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

MELISSA GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

KEITH OLSEN, CHAIRMAN

DWIGHT A. KRUSE, MEMBER

RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, MEMBER