

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. Commissioner Lehmkuhl led the meeting with a prayer.

SHERIFF

Brown County Sheriff, John Merchant, reported that there are 17 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 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 at 8:11 a.m. Opened at 8:16 a.m. No binding action was taken.

RESOLUTION 19-06

Motion by Dwight Kruse to approve Resolution 19-06, appointing Steve Markham to the Brown County Appraiser position. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Brown County Attorney, Kevin Hill, updated the Commission on Hiawatha Community Hospital Financial Committee. There will be another meeting today at noon at Hiawatha City Hall.

MINUTES

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve the February 28, 2019, minutes. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

FIXED ASSETS ANNUAL INVENTORY

Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, presented the Annual Fixed Assets for the Commissioners signatures.

NEK-CAP

Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, presented the environmental review for the CoC Program to the Commissioners for their approval and signatures. Motion by Dwight Kruse to sign the environmental review. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, presented job descriptions for the Emergency Management positions from various counties for the Commissioners review. The Commissioners would like to run a help wanted ad for two weeks. The Commissioners will look at the applications on Monday, March 18, 2019, and start scheduling interviews at that time.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PROCESS

Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, presented the Brown County Financial Management Process for the Commissioners approval. Motion by Dwight Kruse to approve the Brown County Financial Management Process. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

RUTH AND ROGER WOLFE CHARITABLE TRUST

Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, updated the Commissioners on the \$514.00 awarded to the county from the Ruth and Roger Wolfe Charitable Trust. Brown County applied for the grant to purchase two pet stations for the Courthouse Square.

LANDFILL

Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, presented the Industrial Storm Water Permit for the Commissioners signatures.

CEMETERY DISTRICT

Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, presented letters for the Commissioners signatures informing HFED and the American Legion Post 66 that the Commissioners have previously addressed the cemetery district request.

TOWNSHIP ANNUAL REPORTS

The Commissioners reviewed and approved the Annual Township Reports. Washington Township was not approved as to not receiving the report.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Commissioner Kruse updated the commissioners on his findings from Cook, Flat and Strobel and BG Consultants on the bi-annual bridge inspections.

WIND ENERGY

Ben Swinger, Brown County resident, updated the Commissioners on wind energy and set back possibilities.

Motion by Dwight Kruse to adjourn. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, March 11, 2019.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

MELISSA GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

KIETH OLSEN, CHAIRMAN

DWIGHT A. KRUSE, MEMBER

RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, MEMBER