

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 was Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley. 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 25 inmates, 22 males and 3 females in the County Jail.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Dwight Kruse for a 10 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 8:12 a.m. Opened at 8:22 a.m. No binding action was taken.

**MINUTES**

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

**TREASURER**

Brown County Treasurer, Cheryl Lippold, introduced her new employee Anne Olson. Olson will start work today, March 11, 2019.

**RUTH AND ROGER WOLFE TRUST**

Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, presented a letter updating the Ruth and Roger Wolfe Trust Committee for the commissioner's signature.

**BG CONSULTANTS**

Commissioner Dwight Kruse discussed the Road and Bridge inspections. Motion by Dwight Kruse to contract with BG Consultants after review and approval of the agreement by County Attorney, Kevin Hill. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

**BG CONSULTANTS**

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve the contract with BG Consultants for the engineer study for traffic control devices on 230<sup>th</sup> and Nighthawk and 230<sup>th</sup> and Mulberry for \$2700.00. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

**HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD**

Brown County Attorney, Kevin Hill, updated the commissioners on the joint meeting from Monday, March 4, 2019. City Administrator, Mike Nichols, was also present to discuss the meeting. Hill discussed the resolution that was prepared by Kevin Cowan, Attorney for Gilmore and Bell.

**HIAWATHA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

John Broberg, Hiawatha Community Hospital, Interim CEO, was present to discuss the current financial situation at the Hiawatha Community Hospital. Greg Rodvelt, Hiawatha Hospital Board President, was also in attendance. The commissioners discussed the length of time that the sales tax would expire, comparing the five year and ten year expiration. Hiawatha City Administrator, Mike Nichols, was present to discuss the difference in savings between the five year and ten year expiration date.

**RESOLUTION 19-07**

Motion by Dwight Kruse to approve Resolution 19-07, authorizing and providing for the calling of a special question election in Brown County imposing a one-half cent (.50%) countywide retailers' sales tax for the purpose of financing the provision of health care services in the county as presented. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Commissioner Lehmkuhl voted nay.

**AMBULANCE**

Duke Koeperich, Town and County EMS, was present to discuss the ambulance agreement. Koeperich pointed out the changes that were made in the agreement. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to accept the agreement contingent upon the Horton Hospital closing and review from County Attorney, Kevin Hill.

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**JANITOR**

The commissioners accepted the resignation letter from Alvin Siebenmorgen. Siebenmorgen is the head janitor at the Courthouse. Siebenmorgen has worked for the county for 21 years.

**TAX CHANGE ORDERS**

Tax Change orders 2018-103 through 2018-107 were signed and approved.

**RESIDENT**

Sheryl Betts, Brown County Resident, asked the commissioners if the county could help her fix her hot water heater, or if they knew whom she could contact to get any help. Commissioner Olsen told her the county could not help her but would try to get some numbers for her to call. Commissioner Lehmkuhl will contact her after the meeting.

Motion by Dwight Kruse to adjourn. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, March 18, 2019.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

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MELISSA GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

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KEITH OLSEN, CHAIRMAN

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DWIGHT A. KRUSE, MEMBER

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RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, MEMBER