

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, updated the commission on the heating and cooling system at the Sheriff's department.

SHERIFF

Brown County Sheriff, John Merchant, Terry Aller, Jerry Gifford, and Jim Aller, visited with commission about the trains blocking the roadways. Jim Aller reported the railroad will block the tracks anywhere from 40 minutes up to an hour. Brown County Attorney, Kevin Hill, suggested sending a Sheriff Deputy out and time the trains and issuing citations. Hill also suggested the Commission send a letter outlining the safety and economics of the prolonged blocking of roadways. Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, will do some research on previous agreements between Brown County and the railroad.

SHERIFF

Brown County Sheriff, John Merchant, discussed the concern of a Brown County citizen concerning the wages of the Sheriff. Brown County Attorney, Kevin Hill, also discussed the county wages.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Brown County Sheriff, John Merchant, Hiawatha Police Chief, John Defore, and Horton Police Chief, John Calhoon discussed options for an interim Emergency Manager.

HIAWATHA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Sharese Moser, Hiawatha Community Hospital Director of Finance, gave an update on the Hiawatha Community Hospital. Moser discussed other options as a plan B for the hospital with the possibility of being on the ballot in November.

MINUTES

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

AG PARTNERS

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve the Landfill propane contract with Ag Partners at \$1.29 the full prepay price. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

KANZA MENTAL HEALTH

David Jasper, KANZA Mental Health CEO, and Kailey Patton, Licensed Clinical Addictions Counselor, discussed the funding for alcohol and drug treatment and prevention. Commissioner Lehmkuhl mentioned the Sabetha SADD chapter has expressed interest in possible funding, and he would like to see where KANZA is spending the Alcohol funds from the county.

HOMER WHITE AMERICAN LEGION POST 66

Bill Vonderschmidt, Homer White American Legion Post 66 Commander, and Bob Sines, Homer White American Legion Post 66 Public Relations Officer, discussed a celebration for Homer White week in August. Chairman Olsen suggested the commission proclaim that week Homer White week in Brown County. Olsen also discussed interest in giving a donation of some sort.

Motion by Dwight Kruse to adjourn. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, July 8, 2019.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

MELISSA GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

KEITH OLSEN, CHAIRMAN

DWIGHT A. KRUSE, MEMBER

RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, MEMBER