

July 10, 2017

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Steve Roberts, Dwight A. Kruse and Keith Olsen. Also present were County Clerk Melissa Gormley. County Attorney Kevin Hill was present for a portion of the meeting. Steve Roberts opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

**PAYROLL**

The July 5, 2017 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$63,741.19
Road & Bridge	19,989.40
Election	1,625.77
Technology	834.26
Appraiser	7,967.14
Noxious Weed	2,107.53
ACC	6,293.15
JJA Core	6,913.32
ACE Fund	167.76
Services for Elderly	2,512.50
Solid Waste	2,443.35
Special MVT	2,680.00
Employee Ben FICA	7,738.89
Employee Ben KPERS	8,133.19
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-119.64
Insurance	-1,734.53
TOTAL	\$131,293.28

**SHERIFF**

John Merchant, Brown County Sheriff, reported there are 33 inmates, 26 males and 7 females, currently at the Brown County Jail. Merchant visited with the commissioners about the dispatch budget. Motion by Keith Olsen to move \$88,000 from the PSAP fund into the Sheriff Dispatch Fund. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Keith Olsen for a five minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three commissioners, County Treasurer, Cheryl Lippold and 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 8:13 a.m. Opened 8:17 a.m. No binding action was taken.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Commissioner Olsen talked about the off system bridge projects. After speaking with local farmers, Olsen said the county would not likely benefit from the project.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Motion by Dwight Kruse to appoint Joe Nigus to the Brown County Historical Society Board of Directors for a three year term. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

**NEKES APPOINTMENT**

Motion by Keith Olsen to appoint Chastity Schumann to the NEKES Board of Directors to replace Connie Zeit. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

**KLINEFELTER PROJECT**

Shawn Loyd, Highland Community College Board of Directors Member, spoke with the commissioners about the dam that has been breached at the Klinefelter farm to the north of the Barn. Mr. Loyd asked the commissioners if the rebuilding on the dam could back water through the road tube under Old Highway 36 for twenty four hours or less, which would only occur with a 4" or 5" rain. Motion by Keith Olsen to allow the Highland Community College to use the tube. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Keith Olsen for a ten minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three commissioners and County Clerk, Melissa Gormley present to discuss personnel matters of non elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests of the employee. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Closed 8:47 a.m. Opened 8:54 a.m. No binding action was taken.

**ROAD VACATE**

The hearing was held by Brown County at 9:00 a.m. to vacate a section of 200th Street between Jackrabbit and Kestrel Road. Gary Shear, John Merchant Jr., Ryan Shockley, and Jerry Gifford attended the hearing to vacate that portion of 200th Street located between a point 100 feet East and 100 feet West of the railroad crossing located on 200th Street between Jackrabbit and Kestrel Road in Brown County. Gifford questioned why the County is just now vacating since the road has been closed for some time. Commissioner Roberts told Gifford that the Railroad requested the county to vacate and they would compensate. Mr. Shockley and Mr. Shear mentioned that there have been several fires in that location, and they have a concern about fire safety. All present voiced concerns about the amount of time the train is stopped at the location. All those present were in opposition of vacating the road.

**RESOLUTION 17-09**

Motion by Steve Roberts to not approve Resolution 17-09, vacating the portion of 200<sup>th</sup> Street between Jackrabbit and Kestrel Road. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

**BRIDGE INSPECTION BID OPENING**

Bids for the 2018 Bridge Inspection and Analysis for 202 bridges were opened. Bids were as follows: Kirkham Michael with no bid. CFS Engineers with a bid of \$78.00 per bridge with a total of \$15,756.00, BG Consultants with a bid of \$98.00 per bridge, new bridge inspections \$300.00 per bridge and fracture critical \$98.00 per hour. Commissioner Roberts requested more information from CFS Engineers, matter has been tabled.

**STUMP REMOVAL BID OPENING**

Bids for the removal of the Hackberry Tree plus stump removal were opened. Bids were as follows: Mike Gamble with a bid of \$1850.00 without stump removal. Kyle's Tree Service with a bid of \$1450.00. Gudenkauf Tree Service with a bid of \$1700.00. Motion by Steve Roberts to accept the bid from Kyle's Tree Service. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

**BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE**

Motion by Keith Olsen to appoint Dwight Kruse to the Solid Waste Committee to replace retired District 3 Commissioner, Warren Ploeger. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

**BOB BERGKAMP CONSTRUCTION**

Gerald Gilkey, Contractor for Bob Bergkamp Construction, Chris Snook, and Scott Bergkamp, also with Bergkamp Construction, and Brady Pryor, Ash Grove Resources, L.L.C. visited with the commissioners regarding road resurfacing projects.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Keith Olsen for a fifteen minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three commissioners, Interim Appraiser Curt Clark and the interviewee present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Closed 10:23 a.m. Opened 10:38 a.m. No binding action was taken.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Keith Olsen for a fifteen minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three commissioners, Interim Appraiser Curt Clark and the interviewee present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Closed 10:39 a.m. Opened 10:54 a.m. No binding action was taken.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Dwight Kruse for a fifteen minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three commissioners, Interim Appraiser Curt Clark and the interviewee present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Closed 10:55 a.m. Opened 11:10 a.m. No binding action was taken.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Road and Bridge Supervisors, Herb Roland and Todd Gruber spoke with the commissioners about the distributor. The computer went out on the current equipment and it will take at least a month before the computer can be fixed. Commissioner Steve Roberts told them to call Vance Brothers to see if there is anything that can be leased. Roberts also mentioned calling the state to find out if they had equipment that could be rented.

**APPRAISER**

Motion by Keith Olsen for a ten minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the three commissioners and Interim Appraiser Curt Clark present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Closed 11:33 a.m. Opened 11:39 a.m. Motion by Keith Olsen to hire Tammie Antoine as the Brown County Appraiser at a salary of \$51,480. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

**APPRAISER**

Interim Appraiser Curt Clark, gave the commissioners a quote for Mobile Office, which is compatible with ORION, which is the current data system. The price for the equipment is \$17,200 for the first year which would include license, implementation, training and support. The discussion has been tabled until the new Appraiser takes office.

**TAX CHANGE ORDER**

Tax Change Order 2016-101 was approved and signed.

**ROAD AND BRIDGE**

Motion by Steve Roberts to sign the bid proposal from MRJ Engineering for bridge FAS-6, located over Roy's Creek on 310th Street, between Sections 15 and 22, Township 1 North, Range 18 East in the amount of \$14,850 and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Permit priced at \$1,900. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

Motion by Dwight Kruse to adjourn. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday July 17, 2017.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

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MELISSA GORMLEY,  
COUNTY CLERK

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STEVE ROBERTS, CHAIRMAN

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DWIGHT A. KRUSE, MEMBER

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KEITH OLSEN, MEMBER