

January 9, 2017

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Warren Ploeger, Steve Roberts, Dwight Kruse and Keith Olsen. 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. Commissioner Ploeger opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

**PAYROLL**

The January 4, 2017 payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$67,736.06
Road & Bridge	12,030.00
Election	245.77
Technology	0
Appraiser	6,940.00
Noxious Weed	1,433.00
Diversion	.00
ACC	6,362.56
JJA Core	6,431.09
ACE Fund	151.22
Services for Elderly	1,781.25
Solid Waste	2,419.88
Special MVT	2,680.00
Employee Ben FICA	7,030.52
Employee Ben KPERS	7,770.53
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-81.98
Insurance	-2,509.36
TOTAL	\$120,420.54

**SHERIFF**

Sheriff Merchant reported that there are 28 inmates, 21 males and 7 females in the County Jail.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Steve Roberts to approve the January 2, 2017 minutes. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Motion by Warren Ploeger to appoint the Road Foremans to work with County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, during inclement weather to determine county closures. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

Lori Gray, Services for the Elderly Director, visited with the Commissioners in regards to the current rates for Meals on Wheels. Commissioner Roberts will contact Hiawatha Community Hospital and will table this discussion until a later date.

**WARREN PLOEGER YEARS OF SERVICE**

Commissioner Olsen presented a plaque to Commissioner Warren Ploeger on behalf of Brown County for Commissioner Ploeger’s 24 years of service to Brown County.

Motion by Warren Ploeger to adjourn for the re-organization of the Board of County Commissioners at 8:55 AM. Seconded by Steve Roberts. Motion carried.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

District Court Judge John Weingart administered the oath of office to elected officials Commissioner Dwight Kruse, Commissioner Keith Olsen, County Clerk Melissa Gormley, County Attorney Kevin Hill, Register of Deeds Nellie Brockhoff and Sheriff John Merchant.

**RE-ORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The new Board of Brown County Commissioners, Steve Roberts, Dwight Kruse and Keith Olsen, convened for re-organization purposes. At this time newly appointed chairman Steve Roberts re-convened the meeting at 9:07.

**RESOLUTION #17-01**

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve Resolution #17-01, which appoints Steve Roberts as 2017 Brown County Commission Chairman. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #17-02**

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve Resolution #17-02, which designates the following as the official 2017 Brown County Banks: for checking and investments—Citizens State Bank & Trust Company and Morrill & Janes State Bank. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #17-03**

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve Resolution #17-03, which designates the Horton Headlight as the 2017 legal Brown County newspaper, with the Hiawatha World to also publish many of the same legal publications. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

**MAJOR EXPENDITURE POLICY CHANGES**

Discussed changing the ceiling of expenditure policy from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Motion by Keith Olsen to change the ceiling to \$5,000. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #17-04**

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve Resolution #17-04, approving the 2017 Brown County Personnel Policy effective January 1, 2017. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #17-05**

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve Resolution #17-05, which adopts the GAAP Waiver policy for auditing purposes. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #17-06**

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve Resolution #17-06, which adopts the redistricting for 2017. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

**NEKES APPOINTMENT**

Motion by Keith Olsen to appoint Steve Roberts to the NEKES Board of Directors to replace Warren Ploeger. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

**NEK MULTI COUNTY HEALTH BOARD**

Motion by Steve Roberts to appoint Keith Olsen to the NEK Multi County Health Board to replace Warren Ploeger. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

**UNIFORM GUIDANCE POLICY**

Motion by Steve Roberts to adopt a Uniform Guidance Policy (Federal Grant Purchases). Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

**NEK-CAP RE-APPOINTMENT**

Motion by Keith Olsen to re-appoint Jim Scherer to the NEK-CAP Multi-Board of Directors for the calendar year of 2017. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried.

Motion by Dwight Kruse to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m. The next meeting will be held Tuesday January 17, 2016.

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