

Brown County Board Minutes



(ALL MINUTES ARE UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING)

May 18, 2021

The Brown County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at 5:15 P.M., in the Brown County Courthouse meeting room with members Chairman Buddy Small, Dennis Bauer and Reagan Wiebelhaus present. Also present were Brown County Clerk Travis Hobbs (BCC) and Brown County Highway Superintendent Kenneth Turpin (BCHS).

Chairman Small acknowledged the Open Meeting Act posted near the entrance to the Meeting Room.

Those in attendance rose and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Small moved to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2021 Commissioner meeting as written and officially recorded in Commissioner Book #22. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes. Motion carried.

BCHS Kenneth Turpin updated the Board with road department projects.

At 5:20 pm the Board discussed the hiring of the Brown County Emergency Manager Director.

Wiebelhaus moved to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues and to prevent needless harm to a person's reputation. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried. Chairman Small restated the reason for executive session. The Board entered executive session at 5:20 pm. Wiebelhaus moved to come out of executive session at 5:29 pm. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Wiebelhaus moved to select Traci Ganser as Brown County Emergency Manager Director. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

At 5:30 pm the Board opened one sealed bid for Surplus property. Bryan Doke submitted a bid for \$5.00 for a paper cutter, \$5.00 for an armless blue padded office chair and \$20.00 for a 4-drawer grey filing cabinet.

Small moved to accept the Bid from Bryan Doke. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

At 5:30 pm the Board held a conference call with budget preparer Caleb Johnson regarding refinancing the hospital bond and the required budget amendment. Amending the budget will incur additional expenses that are unexpected, per Johnson's engagement letter he requests approval before performing additional services. Johnson's fee will not be over \$200.00. The Board gave their approval.

BCHS Turpin discussed the need for engine repairs to a 2012 International Prostar truck. The truck has an antifreeze leak, Turpin has been advised that the engine is not a good engine and questioned if they should repair the truck or replace the engine. The Board recommended repairing the engine.

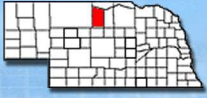
BCHS Turpin discussed purchasing a lot next to the Long Pine shop to store materials on.

Bauer moved to make a \$5,000.00 offer for the lot. Wiebelhaus seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed the preliminary plans, specifications and estimates for Sand Draw Bridge NDOT Project #ER-1787(5).

Wiebelhaus moved to approve Resolution #2021-25 the preliminary plans, specifications and estimates for project #ER-1787(5) and authorize Chairman Small to sign. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Small moved to appoint Tom Jones as the Brown County representative replacing Henry Beel to serve as the Brown County Member Board of Directors of the Sandhills Care Center. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.



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Small moved to appoint Phil Fuchs as the Brown County/Ainsworth joint member to serve as the Board of Directors of the Sandhills Care Center. Wiebelhaus seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Brown County Deputy Clerk, Rebecca Hardy presented the Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) 2021-2022 Subgroup Insurance Application renewal; Cafe Plan ending 2021 Key Employee Questionnaire and the Cafe Plan ending 2021 Highly Compensated Employees.

Wiebelhaus moved to approve the BCBS subgroup application renewal. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Wiebelhaus moved to approve the Cafe Plan ending 2021 Key Employee Questionnaire and the Cafe Plan ending 2021 Highly Compensated Employees. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Small moved to approve Resolution #2021-26 transferring \$300,000.00 from Miscellaneous General within the General Fund to the County Highway Fund in the General Fund. Wiebelhaus seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Small moved to approve payment of the claims and the Brown County Sheriff's monthly fee report for April for \$302.91. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

John "Jeep" Cozad discussed removing the landfill bill for his house in the Country as he uses J&J sanitation for trash removal. The Board asked Jeep to bring his bill as proof and the bill can be removed.

No Public comments made.

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 P.M.

The next regular meeting of the Brown County Commissioners will be Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 5:15 PM, Brown County Courthouse, Ainsworth, Nebraska.

This meeting's public notice was published in the Ainsworth Star-Journal, aired on KBRB Radio, and posted at the Brown County Clerk's office, where all agendas and minutes are kept current for public inspection at any time.