

Brown County Board Minutes



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August 17, 2021

The Brown County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 5:15 P.M., in the Brown County Courthouse meeting room with members Chairman Buddy Small, Reagan Wiebelhaus and Dennis Bauer present. Also present were Brown County Clerk (BCC) Travee Hobbs, Brown County Highway Superintendent Kenneth Turpin (BCHS) and Brown County Attorney (CA) Andy Taylor.

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 minutes from the August 3, 2021 Commissioner Meeting as written and officially recorded in Commissioner Book 22. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

BCHS Turpin gave a Road Department report.

Small gave an update on the Sand Draw Bridge project.

Small updated on the projected payment from The Nature Conservancy for the Fairfield Creek project. Once a memorandum of understanding is completed, the Nature Conservancy will send the agreed upon payment.

Small reported the Camp Witness bridge is complete, and the County has paid the bill. Small will contact Camp Witness regarding their share of the bill.

Tom Bejot addressed the Board regarding ditches that he feels need cleaned out.

Doug Davis representing Brown County Rural Fire Board presented the Board with their Budget and request for funds.

Dave Sherman along with several other members of the Brown County Ag Society were present to discuss the Ag Society's budget request.

Calista Wilson and Todd Kicken were present to request approval for a Special Designated Liquor License.

Wiebelhaus moved to approve the request from Ainsworth Golf Course for a Special Designated Liquor License for an event at Hidden Paradise on October 2, 2021 and authorize Chairman Small to sign. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Ann Fiala along with several Ambulance members addressed the Board regarding beginning the process of taking bids for a new ambulance.

Wiebelhaus moved to authorize Brown County Ambulance to start the process of taking bids for a new Ambulance. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Bauer moved to approve Resolution #2021-37 Tax Allocation to Miscellaneous Districts. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

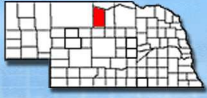
The Board acknowledged the Jail Standards report as presented.

The Board discussed a contract presented by Auditors, Ritterbush & Piotrowski, LLP. Upon Andy Taylors recommendation, the item was tabled until the September 7, 2021 meeting.

Brown County Clerk, Travee Hobbs presented the Board with the department's inventories for 2021-2022.

Wiebelhaus moved to approve the 2021-2022 inventories as presented. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

No action taken regarding the Inter-Local Cooperation Agreement for North Central 911 Region Communications Equipment Sharing Agreement. The item was placed on the next agenda.



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The Board opened a single bid submitted by Norfolk Contracting, Inc, Norfolk Nebraska for \$185,526.00 for the Athey Bridge replacement.

BCDC Rebecca Hardy discussed an option for employees offered through NACO Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance program. The program covers out of network medical transportation at a cost of \$12.50 per individual or family.

Bauer moved to participate in the voluntary program with the county paying 50% of the cost per employee if enough employees opt in. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Small moved to approve Resolution #2021-38 transferring \$197,000.00 from Inheritance Tax to Disaster Recovery Fund. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Small moved to approve the claims. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

No Public comments were made.

The meeting recessed at 7:15 P.M. to continue the special meeting budget workshop.

Member Wiebelhaus left the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 8:22 P.M.

Bauer moved to accept the bid from Norfolk Contracting, Norfolk Nebraska of \$185,526.00 for the Athey Bridge replacement. Small seconded. Roll Call: Small Aye, Bauer Aye and Wiebelhaus Absent, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

The next regular meeting of the Brown County Commissioners will be Tuesday, September 7, 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.