



Brown County Board Minutes



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November 2, 2021

The Brown County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 5:15 P.M., in the Brown County Courthouse meeting room with members Acting Chairman Reagan Wiebelhaus and Dennis Bauer present. Buddy Small was absent with and excused absence. Also present were Brown County Clerk (BCC) Travis Hobbs, Brown County Attorney (BCA) Andy Taylor and Brown County Highway Superintendent (BCHS) Kenneth Turpin.

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

Those in attendance rose and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wiebelhaus moved to approve minutes from the October 19, 2021 Commissioner meeting as written and officially recorded in Commissioner Book 22. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: Wiebelhaus Aye, Bauer Aye and Small Absent, motion carried.

The Board discussed appointing members to serve on the Brown County Veterans Memorial committee and the Brown County Veterans committee to replace a member who recently passed away.

Bauer moved to approve Resolution #2021-52 appointing Jake Graff to the remainder of Brent Johnson's term on Brown County Veterans Memorial committee. Wiebelhaus seconded. Roll Call: Bauer Aye, Wiebelhaus Ayes and Small Absent, motion carried.

Wiebelhaus moved to approve Resolution #2021-53 appointing Charlie Kyser to fulfill the remainder of Brent Johnson's term on the Brown County Veterans committee. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: Wiebelhaus Aye, Bauer Aye and Small Absent, motion carried.

The Board discussed a budgeted transfer of money from Miscellaneous General to Reappraisal fund.

Wiebelhaus moved to approve Resolution #2021-54 a budgeted transfer of \$5,000.00 from Miscellaneous General within the General Fund to Reappraisal fund. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: Bauer Aye, Wiebelhaus Aye and Small Absent, motion carried.

Ed Brown, City of Long Pine mayor, spoke to the Board regarding a proposal to transfer Hidden Paradise property owners trash fees from the County to the City of Long Pine. Long Pine would provide trash services to Hidden Paradise.

Wiebelhaus stated that he agrees with the proposal as long as the dividend Brown County pays would be equitable. Brown will discuss an equitable solution with the BKR Solid Waste Board.

Chandra Plate, BKR Extension along with Jay Jenkins of the University of Lincoln Extension met to discuss the proposed BKR Extension Interlocal agreement.

No action taken in order to allow BCA Taylor to review the Interlocal agreement. The item was placed on the next agenda.

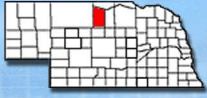
Chandra Plate, BKR Extension discussed appointing a new Board member to replace Rachel Williams whose term limit has been reached.

Wiebelhaus moved to approve Resolution #2021-55 appointing Melissa Doke to serve a three-year term on the Brown County KBR Board commencing January 1, 2022. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: Wiebelhaus Aye, Bauer Aye and Small Absent, motion carried.

BCHS Turpin was present to give a Road Department report.

Turpin reported that he had applied for an improved project through the 2019 disaster program to replace the Athey bridge that was damaged in the 2019 disaster.

The project was awarded to Brown County at a 90% FEMA reimbursement rate up to a total of \$387,305.00.



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

Turpin discussed purchasing a motor grader through Sourcewell a company out of Minnesota that other counties have used. Currently there are only two machines available that meet the County's specifications and prices will go up next year.

Wiebelhaus moved to authorize Turpin to purchase a motor grader up to \$300,000.00. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: Wiebelhaus Aye, Bauer Aye and Small Absent, motion carried.

Tad Stearns discussed the renewal of the Brown County Hospital License along with introducing Ruth Stephens Brown County Hospitals interim administrator.

Wiebelhaus moved to authorize Vice Chairman Bauer to sign the Hospital renewal license. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: Wiebelhaus Aye, Bauer Aye and Small Absent, motion carried.

No action taken on the NIRMA Dividend paid to Brown County. The item was placed on the next agenda.

No action taken on the Use of Assessors pickup by Courthouse Custodian. The item was placed on the next agenda.

Brown County Attorney (BCA) Andy Taylor, discussed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Brown County and The Nature Conservancy. No action was taken on the MOU as The Nature Conservancy is reviewing the final MOU. The item was added to the next agenda.

No Public comments.

Wiebelhaus moved to approve the claims. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: Bauer Aye, Wiebelhaus Aye and Small Absent, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

The next regular meeting of the Brown County Commissioners will be Tuesday, November 16, 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.