



Brown County Board Minutes



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

January 18, 2022

The Brown County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 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) Travis Hobbs and Brown County Attorney (BCA) 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.

BCHS Turpin was not present but left a written Road Department report which Chairman Small read aloud.

The Board discussed the resolution appointing members to the Planning Commission.

Wiebelhaus moved to approve Resolution #2022-2 appointing Matt Swanson and Jim Jackman to serve a three-year term commencing December 19, 2021 to December 18, 2024 on the Planning Commission. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed the Brown County Hospital Home Health annual renewal form.

Bauer moved to approve the Brown County Hospital Home Health annual renewal form and authorize Chairman Small to sign the documents. Wiebelhaus seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Wiebelhaus moved to acknowledge the 2022 mileage rate of 0.585 cents. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Scott Erthum, Brown County Weed Superintendent (BCWS) presented his annual reports to the Board.

Wiebelhaus moved to approve the reports presented by BCWS Erthum and authorize Chairman Small to sign. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed the Preliminary Engineering services supplemental/No 1 between Brown County and Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers, PC & Resolution.

Wiebelhaus moved to pass Resolution #2022-3 to enter into agreement with Miller & Associates Consulting Engineers, PC. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed cost of living raises. No action taken. The item was placed the next agenda.

The Board acknowledged the Brown County Ambulance contact list.

Small moved to approve minutes from the January 4, 2022 Commissioner meeting as written and officially recorded in Commissioner Book 22. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The reorganization meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

Wiebelhaus moved to approve the following appointments of the Board Members to represent the following committees, boards, and councils:

*Niobrara Council – Raymond Small.

*KBR Solid Waste and Lexington Area Solid Waste – Raymond Small.

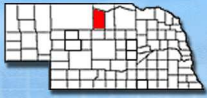
*Central NE Community Service – Dennis Bauer.

*Office of ODD – North Star Region IV – Dennis Bauer.

*Area Agency on Aging – Dennis Bauer.

*Revitalization Committee – Reagan Wiebelhaus.

*North Central NE Health Department – Reagan Wiebelhaus with Dennis Bauer as an alternate.



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*County-Wide Law Enforcement – Reagan Wiebelhaus.

*Region IV Behavioral Mental Health – Raymond Small.

*NCDC – Dennis Bauer with alternate Raymond Small.

*Brown County Hospital Board Meetings – Reagan Wiebelhaus and Raymond Small as an alternate.

Brown County Safety Committee – Dennis Bauer

Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, Motion carried.

Wiebelhaus moved to approve the holidays for 2022 and 2023 to be observed by Brown County as follows:

Monday, February 21, 2022-----President’s Day

Friday, April 29, 2022 -----Arbor Day

Monday, May 30, 2022-----Memorial Day

Monday, July 4, 2022-----Independence Day

Monday, June 20, 2022 -----Juneteenth Day

Monday, September 5, 2022-----Labor Day

Monday, October 10, 2022-----Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples’ Day

Friday, November 11, 2022-----Veteran’s Day

Thursday, November 24, 2022-----Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 25, 2022-----Day after Thanksgiving

Monday, December 26, 2022-----Christmas Day Observed

Monday, January 2, 2023-----New Year’s Day Observed

Monday, January 16, 2023-----Martin Luther King Day

As well as any day, the President of the United States may declare a holiday throughout the year.

Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Wiebelhaus moved to approve the following banks for Brown County bank depositories with checking accounts and pledged securities:

*Homestead Bank of Chadron of Ainsworth, Nebraska.

*West Plains Bank of Ainsworth, Nebraska.

*Union Bank and Trust of Ainsworth, Nebraska.

*Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) and

*Nebraska Federal Investment Trust (NFIT) with respectively Resolution # 2022-4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Wiebelhaus moved to set the Board of Equalization Meeting and the regular Commissioner Meeting dates to the first and third Tuesdays of each month; starting time BOE at 5:00 P.M., and Regular Commissioner Meeting time at 5:15 P.M. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

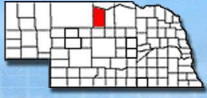
Wiebelhaus moved to approve the Ainsworth Star-Journal as the local newspaper to publish all legal issues, KBRB Radio Station and the Brown County website for announcements of all issues. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Wiebelhaus moved to appoint Raymond Small as Chairman and Denny Bauer as Vice-Chairman of the Brown County Commissioner Board for the 2022 Year. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Wiebelhaus moved to reappoint Kenneth Turpin as the Brown County Highway Superintendent. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Wiebelhaus moved to appoint Lloyd Smith as Brown County Surveyor. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The reorganization meeting closed at 6:10 p.m.



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Small moved to approve the claims and the Brown County Sheriff's monthly fee report for December 2021 of \$595.87 as presented. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried. No Public comments were made.

Small moved to enter executive session to discuss a Brown County employee performance, with the County Attorney, County Commissioners, County Clerk and Janice Devall to remain in the session. Closed session is necessary to protect the integrity of individuals. Wiebelhaus seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried. Chairman Small restated the reason for entering closed session. The Board entered executive session at 6:15 p.m.

Small moved to come out of closed session. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried. The Board came out of closed session at 6:40 P.M.

Small moved to enter closed session to discuss legal consequences of the County grievance procedure, closed session is necessary to protect the integrity of individuals. Wiebelhaus seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Chairman Small restated the reason for entering closed session. The Board entered closed session at 6:45 P.M.

Wiebelhaus moved to come out of closed session. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried. The Board came out of closed session at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

The next regular meeting of the Brown County Commissioners will be Tuesday, February 1, 2022 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.