



Brown County Board Minutes



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

February 1, 2022

The Brown County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 1, 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 was Brown County Clerk (BCC) Travis Hobbs.

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 January 18, 2022 Commissioner meeting as written and officially recorded in Commissioner Book 22. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Brown County Highway Superintendent Kenneth Turpin updated the Board with road department projects.

The Board discussed the appointment of a member to represent the Central Nebraska Economic Development District (CNEEDD) council of officials.

Wiebelhaus moved to appoint Buddy Small to represent the CNEEDD council of officials with Denny Bauer as an alternate. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Chairman Small gave an update on the services received with Brown County's contribution to Region IV Behavior Health Board.

At 5:30 p.m. the Board opened a single bid for a truck. RDO Truck Center Company, Omaha, Nebraska, offered a 2022 Mack Truck for \$125,825.98. No action taken. The item was placed on the next agenda.

The Board reviewed and approved the (NIRMA) Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association 2022-2023 Underwriting Questionnaire as presented.

The Board discussed the Highway 20 Interlocal agreement.

Small moved to approve Resolution #2022-4 Highway 20 Interlocal agreement and authorize Wiebelhaus to sign. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Small moved to approve Resolution #2022-5 transferring \$250,000.00 from Miscellaneous General within the General Fund to the County Highway Fund. Wiebelhaus seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Small moved to approve the claims, the Brown County Clerk's monthly fee report for January 2022 of \$3,776.67 and the Brown County Sheriff's monthly fee report for January 2022 of \$521.84 as presented. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

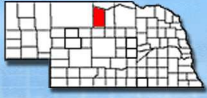
The Board discussed wage increases.

Wiebelhaus moved to give a \$1.10 per hour cost of living increase to the courthouse custodian, county weed superintendent, county zoning administrator, veterans service officer, emergency manager & county road employees effective January 28, 2022. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

After discussion regarding the current rate of custodial services, Wiebelhaus moved to remove the County Custodian from the former motion. Small seconded. Roll call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Wiebelhaus moved to give Courthouse Custodian Tammy Grupe a \$2.10 per hour cost of living/wage increase effective January 28, 2022. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

No Public comments were made.



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Small moved to enter executive session to discuss a Brown County employee's job performance, with the County Commissioners, County Clerk and Brown County Emergency Manager 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 6:12 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 6:35 P.M.

Wiebelhaus moved to authorize Brown County Emergency Manager Traci Ganser to hire a part time deputy emergency manager at a rate of \$12.00 an hour not to exceed \$100.00 per week. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Small moved to enter closed session to discuss possible litigation against the county. Wiebelhaus seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Chairman Small restated the reason for entering closed session. The Board entered closed session at 6:38 P.M.

Small moved to come out of closed session. Wiebelhaus seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried. The Board came out of closed session at 6:45 P.M.

Wiebelhaus moved to take no action. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

The next regular meeting of the Brown County Commissioners will be Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 5:15 PM, Brown County Courthouse, Ainsworth, Nebraska.

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