



Brown County Board Minutes



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

February 15, 2022

The Brown County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at 5:15 P.M., in the Brown County Courthouse meeting room with members Chairman Buddy Small and Dennis Bauer present. Reagan Wiebelhaus was absent with an excused absence. 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 February 1, 2022 Commissioner meeting as written and officially recorded in Commissioner Book 22. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: Bauer Aye, Small Aye and Wiebelhaus Absent, motion carried.

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

At 5:30 PM the Public Hearing for Brown County's 1&6 Highway Improvement program was opened.

At 5:30 PM the Board opened one single bid submitted by Top Kote Inc, Yankton, South Dakota, for \$16,653.00 per mile for armor coating for the 2022 season.

Small moved to accept the bid from Top Kote Inc., for \$16,653.00 per mile. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: Small Aye, Bauer Aye and Wiebelhaus Absent, motion carried.

BCHS Turpin discussed the bid for a new truck opened at the February 1, 2022 meeting. After discussion, Small moved to reject the bid submitted by RDO Truck Centers. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: Bauer Aye, Small Aye and Wiebelhaus Absent, motion carried.

At 5:45 PM Brown County Zoning Administrator, Tom Jones informed the Board of the planning commission's recommendation to approve the special use permit for a new cell tower located in PT SW1/4 Section 3, T31N, R21W, Brown County Nebraska. The Board set the public hearing for March 15, 2022 at 5:30 PM to determine if the special use permit should be granted or denied.

Brown County Assistant Clerk, Lisa Chohon discussed her findings on the conservation easement process that has been brought to the attention of the Counties from the Department of Revenue.

Hobbs discussed enacting a uniform time schedule for employee wage increases, as a solution to keep employees from being overlooked for potential wage increases. No action was taken. The item was placed on the next agenda.

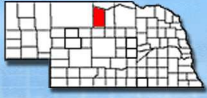
The Board discussed a memorandum of understanding between Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs and Brown County.

Bauer moved to approve Resolution #2022-11 memorandum of understanding between Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs and Brown County and authorize Chairman Small to sign. Small seconded. Roll Call: Small Aye, Bauer Aye and Wiebelhaus Absent, motion carried.

Turpin presented his report of the proposed 1&6 year Highway Improvement program.

Small moved to approve Resolution #2022 -12 adopting the long-range six-year plan of highway, road, and street improvements. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: Bauer Aye, Small Aye and Wiebelhaus Absent, motion carried.

The Board acknowledged the Central Nebraska Economic Development District (CNEDD) annual report as presented.



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Small moved to forward a letter to emergency management professional Dawna Whitcomb, Vice President of Nebraska Association of Emergency management, nominating Traci Ganser as outstanding new emergency manager of the year and submit it for consideration. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: Bauer Aye, Small Aye and Wiebelhaus Absent, motion carried.

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

Public comments were made.

At 6:25 PM the Public Hearing was closed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

The next regular meeting of the Brown County Commissioners will be Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 5:15 PM, Brown County Courthouse, Ainsworth, Nebraska.

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