



Brown County Board Minutes



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

November 1, 2022

The Brown County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 5:15 P.M., in the Brown County Courthouse meeting room with members Chairman Buddy Small and Dennis Bauer present. Member Reagan Wiebelhaus was absent with an approved absence. Also present were Brown County Clerk (BCC) Travis Hobbs, Brown County Attorney (BCA) Andy Taylor and Brown County Highway Superintendent (BCHS) Kenneth Turpin.

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.

Many concerned citizens asked the Board to widen the remaining portion of 877th Road that currently does not meet the State specifications for a detour road. The Board stated their intentions to widen the road, so it is an option for the detour once construction begins on the Main Street/Highway 7 project.

BCHS Kenneth Turpin gave an update of the road department projects.

BCHS Turpin discussed the Standardized System of Annual Reporting (SSAR).

Bauer moved to approve the BCHS's SSAR report and authorize Chairman Small to sign. Small seconded. Roll Call: Bauer Aye, Small Aye and Wiebelhaus Absent, motion carried.

Ann Fiala, Brown County Ambulance Association member discussed having an interlocal agreement to move forward with a loan for the new ambulance barn. The Ambulance Association is working with DA Davidson and Piper Sandler to obtain a loan, Fiala requested to work with Piper Sandler as they are offering a better financing option. Fiala also followed up on a previous question of where to store the 3rd ambulance unit once the new ambulance is received and until the new building is complete. Several suggestions were made. Fiala inquired if the Ambulance Association can sell the unit they are replacing and use the funds towards their new Ambulance unit. The Board stated they could sell the ambulance within the rules of the surplus property and gave their permission to use the proceeds towards the new unit.

Adam Jurgens, Hamilton Telecommunications, Aurora, Nebraska discussed cybersecurity/IT services for the County offices, Courthouse Wi-Fi, and a modernized phone system for the Courthouse.

Bauer discussed a bid he received from Epp Foundation Repair, Lincoln, Nebraska, of \$41,940.00 for work to repair the leak on the East side of the building and North between the courthouse and courtroom wing.

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

Small moved to approve minutes from the October 18, 2022, Commissioner meeting as written and officially recorded in Commissioner Book 23. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: Bauer Aye, Small Aye and Wiebelhaus Absent, motion carried.

Public comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 P.M.

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