



Brown County Board Minutes



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December 20, 2022

The Brown County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 20, 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, Brown County Treasurer (BCT) Deb Vonheeder 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.

Small moved to approve minutes from the December 6, 2022, Commissioner meeting as written and officially recorded in Commissioner Book 23. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Brown County Highway Superintendent (BCHS), Kenneth Turpin was present, and gave an update of the road department projects.

Hannah Smith, BKR Extension Beef Educator, discussed appointing a new board member to serve on the BKR Extension Board, Smith proposed Kelly Gambill to serve on the Board.

Wiebelhaus moved to appoint Kelly Gambill to serve on the BKR Extension Board for a three-year term beginning January 2023. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Brown County Hospital Board of Trustee, Brent Deibler discussed potential candidates to serve on the Brown County Hospital Board of Trustees. Brent recommended reappointing John Gross to serve on the Board and Kirk Petersen to serve on the Board replacing current member Jim Walz. Discussion was held regarding conflict of interest involving elected officials and spouses of elected officials serving on the Board. BCA Andy Taylor cited Nebraska State Statute, 32-604 where no conflict of interest exists with an elected official or spouse serving on the Hospital Board of Trustees.

Wiebelhaus moved to appoint John Gross and Kirk Petersen to serve on the Brown County Board of Trustees Hospital for a 6-year term. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

BCT Vonheeder presented the Board with the 2022 Distress Warrants Report.

The Board discussed extra compensation for Brown County Road Department employees who worked during the storm while the Courthouse was closed. Courthouse employees are paid for time when the courthouse was closed.

Small moved to pay each road department employee a \$500.00 bonus for the 4 days that the Courthouse was closed. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: Wiebelhaus Nay, Bauer Aye and Small Aye, motion carried.

Bauer moved to approve payment of the claims, the Brown County Sheriff's October monthly fee report of \$651.39 and the November monthly fee report of \$476.37. Wiebelhaus seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

No Public comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

The next regular meeting of the Brown County Commissioners will be Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 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.