

# Brown County Board Minutes



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

January 17, 2023

The Brown County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 5:15 P.M., in the Brown County Courthouse meeting room with members Chairman Buddy Small, Dennis Bauer and Jeremiah Dailey present. Also present were Brown County Clerk (BCC) Travis Hobbs and Brown County Sheriff (BCS) Brent Deibler.

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 3, 2023, Commissioner meeting as written and officially recorded in Commissioner Book 23. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Small gave an update on the Sand Draw Creek Bridge. The projected start date is the week of January 30, 2023. The installation of the bridge abutments will be the first phase.

BCS Brent Deibler discussed updating the signatures on the Sheriff's Account at Homestead Bank.

BCS Deibler also spoke to the Board regarding debit/credit card for the Sheriff's staff. No action was taken. The item was placed on the next agenda.

Small moved to approve Resolution #2023-4 removing Bruce Papstein and Judy Cole and add Brent Deibler and Tanya Cole as signatories to the account. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Brown County Weed Superintendent (BCWS) Scott Erthum presented the Board with the State of Nebraska reports and evaluation.

Bauer moved to approve the BCWS report and authorize Chairman Small to sign. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Brown County Highway Superintendent (BCHS), Kenneth Turpin updated the Board on road department projects.

The Board discussed updating the signatures on the Homestead Bank accounts by removing Reagan Wiebelhaus and adding Jeremiah Dailey.

Small moved to remove Reagan Wiebelhaus and add Jeremiah Dailey as signatories on the Homestead Bank account. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed the 2023 Automated Clearing House (ACH) calendar.

Dailey moved to approve and authorize the 2023 ACH calendar. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

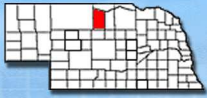
The Board acknowledged the 2023 Mileage rate of \$.655 cents.

The Board acknowledged the internet quote for monthly internet.

The reorganization meeting opened at 6:06 p.m.

Dailey 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 – Jeremiah Dailey.
- \*Area Agency on Aging – Dennis Bauer.
- \*Revitalization Committee – Jeremiah Dailey.



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\*North Central NE Health Department – Dennis Bauer with Jeremiah Dailey as an alternate.

\*County-Wide Law Enforcement – Jeremiah Dailey.

\*Region IV Behavioral Mental Health – Raymond Small.

\*NCDC – Dennis Bauer with alternate. Jeremiah Dailey

\*Brown County Hospital Board Meetings – Dennis Bauer and Raymond Small as an alternate.

Brown County Safety Committee – Jeremiah Dailey.

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

Bauer moved to approve the holidays for 2023 and 2024 to be observed by Brown County as follows:

Monday, February 20, 2023-----President’s Day

Friday, April 28, 2023 -----Arbor Day

Monday, May 29, 2023-----Memorial Day

Monday, June 19, 2023 -----Juneteenth Day

Tuesday, July 4, 2023-----Independence Day

Monday, September 4, 2023-----Labor Day

Monday, October 9, 2023-----Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples’ Day

Friday, November 10, 2023-----Veteran’s Day

Thursday, November 23, 2023-----Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 24, 2023-----Day after Thanksgiving

Monday, December 25, 2023-----Christmas Day Observed

Monday, January 1, 2024-----New Year’s Day Observed

Monday, January 15, 2024-----Martin Luther King Day

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

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

Bauer 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. and

\*Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT).

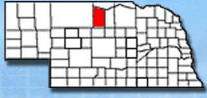
with respectively Resolution # 2023-5, 6, 7, and 8. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Small 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 8:00 A.M., and Regular Commissioner Meeting time at 8:15 A.M. except for the first meeting in July which will be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at 8:00 A.M. and 8:15 A.M. effective March 7, 2023. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Dailey 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.

Bauer moved to appoint Raymond Small as Chairman of the Brown County Commissioner Board for the 2023 Year. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Dailey moved to appoint Denny Bauer as Vice-Chairman of the Brown County Commissioner Board for the 2023 Year. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.



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

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

The reorganization meeting closed at 6:23 p.m.

The Board discussed some current zoning regulations. No action was taken. The item will be discussed at the February 21, 2023, meeting.

The Board viewed the Courthouse Custodian report.

The Board discussed Courthouse needed repairs.

Small moved to approve Resolution #2023 – 9 transferring the County pickup from the Clerk's inventory to the Assessor's inventory. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three ayes, motion carried.

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

The Board discussed the lawn maintenance contract services.

Bauer moved to renew the Lawn maintenance contract with Paulson's Lawn Service and authorize Chairman Small to sign. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Small moved to approve payment of the claims, the Brown County Sheriff's December monthly fee report of \$173.58 and the Brown County Clerk's December monthly fee report of \$2,630.44. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

No Public comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

The next regular meeting of the Brown County Commissioners will be Tuesday, February 7, 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.