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February 21, 2023

The Brown County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 21, 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 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.

Small moved to approve minutes from the February 7, 2023, Commissioner meeting as written and officially recorded in Commissioner Book 23. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

BCHS Turpin updated the Board on road department projects.

Sharon Jones was present to discuss a proposed subdivision in the SENE 34-32-22. The proposed subdivision combines a portion of land that is currently being used by Jones Finishing.

Small moved to approve the subdivision approval tract in SENE 34-32-22. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Brian Johnson discussed the potential for the sale of the Coleman House Museum, if the sale happens, an addition would need to be made to the Sellors museum to store the items currently housed in the Coleman house. The historical society is asking the County for the donation of some of the land from the Courthouse Park around the Sellor museum to the City of Ainsworth to facilitate the addition.

The Board told Johnson to pursue the discussion with the other 4 entities and report back to them once they had more of a plan.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the BKR Extension 2022 Annual Report.

At 5:30 PM Ann Fiala with the Brown County Ambulance Association, opened a single bid submitted by Green Gable contracting, Omaha, Nebraska for construction of the Brown County Ambulance building 40' x 100' for \$464,234.00.

Bauer moved to accept the Bid from Green Gable contracting, Omaha, Nebraska for a 40' x 100' building for \$464,234.00. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed a review of the zoning regulations relating to the North Swine unit.

Bauer moved to address item number 4 knifing in the manure and to allow to pump through a pivot and schedule a public hearing to discuss. The motion died for lack of a second.

BCC Hobbs, BCT Mitchell and BCA Gross discussed seeking bids for flooring in the Courthouse offices. The Board authorized BCC Hobbs to advertise for bids for Courthouse flooring.

BCC Hobbs spoke to the board regarding the proposed courtroom upgrade project that the Nebraska Supreme Court is proposing. The State of Nebraska will install technology into the Courtroom. The cost of the equipment and installation will be paid for by the State, with the County being responsible for any electrical wiring that is

required. After 5 years the County will own the equipment and be responsible for the upkeep. The Board agreed with the need to move forward with the project.

BCC Hobbs presented a proposed list of surplus property and discussed the list with the Board.

Bauer moved to approve the list of surplus property with the exception of 8-11. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed cost of living/merit raises.

Bauer moved to approve a cost of living raise of \$1.37 per hour effective February 17, 2023 for the county highway superintendent, road employees, veterans service officer, custodian, zoning administrator, weed superintendent, emergency manager and emergency manager deputy. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed the resolution for the Sheriff's Office Debit cards. No action taken.

Small moved to approve payment of the claims. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Small updated on the Region IV Mental Health Funding.

No action taken on the bids regarding Bat Control. Discussion was to wait until the roof project was underway and the bat problem can be taken care of at that time.

The roof project will be placed on the next agenda.

Public comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

The next regular meeting of the Brown County Commissioners will be Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 8:15 AM, Brown County Courthouse, Ainsworth, Nebraska.

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