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April 4, 2023

The Brown County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 8:15 A.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, Brown County Emergency Manager (BCEM) Traci Booth, Brown County Treasurer (BCT) Bruce Mitchell 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.

Traci Booth, Brown County Emergency Manager (BCEM), was present to discuss appointing members to replace outgoing members, Bruce Papstein and Kurt Starkey, of the Brown County Safety Committee.

Small moved to approve the appointments of Kade Gracey and Tanya Cole as members of the Brown County Safety Committee. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

BCT Bruce Mitchell presented the Board with his report to the Commissioners on delinquent real estate taxes. A total of 31 parcels for \$38,239.90 were sold. The Board acknowledged the receipt of the report.

BCHS Turpin updated the Board on road department projects.

The Board opened 2 Sealed Bids for surplus property, A bid submitted for \$20.00 for 2 orange chairs (\$10.00/chair) and \$10.00 for 2 safety 1st baby gates (\$5.00/gate).

Small moved to approve two sealed bids John Appleman, \$20.00 total for 2 chairs, Travee Hobbs, \$10.00 total for 2 safety baby gates. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Graig Kinzie updated the board on the pond project. He received a waiver from the adjoining landowner for the well to be placed on the county property near the pond. The Board discussed the road department involvement in digging the pond. The road department excavated the top soil and clay from the pond area, Turpin reported that the value of the top soil was \$15,000.00, the fuel cost was approximately \$2,000.00. Kinzie stated that the continuing upkeep for the pond will be at the expense of him or the Lions Club.

At 9:00 A.M. Grant Kobes, was present to discuss an isolated land affidavit, the land he is currently seeking to purchase is owned by the State of Nebraska. The current easement belongs to the State of Nebraska and goes away once the property is sold. Mr. Kobes cites Neb Rev. Stat. 39-1713, BCA Andy Taylor stated that according to State Statute the County can not take any action until Mr. Kobes is the owner of the property.

Brown County Sheriff (BCS) Deibler and Brown County Sergeant Ian Calder discussed the inventory of the Sheriff's office. They have made a thorough inventory and updated the Board on the updated inventory list. Resolution #2023-14 covers the disposal of the items that they are needing to dispose of.

BCS Deibler also discussed the Law Enforcement Agreement between Brown County Sheriff's Office and the City of Ainsworth. The two entities are at an impasse on

the agreement. BCS Deibler sought the opinion of the Board on further discussions. The Board determined that they will not negotiate a lower contract. The City either agrees with the contract proposed by the Sheriff or go separate ways.

Dailey moved to approve Resolution #2023-16 appointing safety committee members. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

A Resolution to vacate or abandon, road 38 – 438th located in Section 19, T29, R20 was discussed. The public hearing regarding this road closure was held at the March 7, 2023, Commissioner meeting.

Bauer moved to approve the Resolution #2023–17 vacating and abandoning road 38 – 438th located in Section 19, T29N, R20 with land reverting back to the owners of the abutting real estate, one-half on each side thereof, to the center of the former road. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The Board resumed discussion on the County involvement with the pond project.

The Board directed Kenny to remove the sand and place it around the edge of the pond. County maintains the use of the extra topsoil.

BCHS Turpin made additional comments regarding the culvert on the road relating to the Long Lake property addressed by Mr. Kobas. He stated that they intended to reset that culvert when the conditions allow.

BCS Deibler requested the approval of the Board to order a pickup and an SUV to update the existing Sheriff fleet, and to be paid during the next budget year. After discussion BCS Deibler will wait until after the Law Contract agreement is settled and the bidding process for the pickup is taken into consideration.

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

Public comments were made.

Small moved to approve minutes from the March 21, 2023, Commissioner meeting as written and officially recorded in Commissioner Book 23. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

The next regular meeting of the Brown County Commissioners will be Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 8:15 AM, 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.