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April 18, 2023

The Brown County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 8:15 AM., 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 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 April 4, 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.

Discussion was held regarding the meeting times of the Board of Equalization and Commissioner meetings. Due to court appointments requiring the County Attorney's presence on Court on Tuesday morning he is unable to attend the Commissioners meetings. The Board needs the guidance of the County Attorney and feels the need to move the meeting times to accommodate that need.

At 8:30 AM the Board opened 2 Sealed Bids for Courthouse flooring, Shawn Fernau Construction, Ainsworth, Nebraska \$53,659.28 which included a 5% discount if project was completed all at once and Eggert Floors & More, Valentine, Nebraska Bid# 75 \$67,672.00 total if the project is completed in sections and Bid# 74 \$64,866.34 if the project is completed all at the same time. Max Eggert was present to discuss his bid, his bid was for a 22mil thick LVP product. The Board contacted Fernau and his bid was for TSI commercial laminate flooring with a thickness of 12mil.

Heidi Borg, Liaison for Congressman Adrian Smith was present and provided an update for Congressman Smith's office.

Bauer moved to approve Bid# 74 of \$64,866.34 from Eggert Floors & More, Valentine, Ne as the product quoted is more durable. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Brown County Weed Superintendent (BCWS) Scott Erthum presented the board with his State Evaluation report.

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

Traci Booth, Brown County Emergency Manager (BCEM), was present to discuss cybersecurity grants that have been awarded to the County. Each employee needs to have a browncountyne.gov email account.

Brown County Sheriff (BCS) Deibler discussed Sheriff pickup bids. Dailey moved to authorize BCS Deibler to advertise for bids for a pickup with the spec sheet as presented. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Hannah Smith, BKR Extension Office, discussed the need for Extension office to have a credit card for office use. Fewer vendors are extending credit and the extension agents are having to use their personal credit cards for office business.

After discussion the item will be taken up by the Board after reconvening at 1:00 pm.

Small moved to meet as the Board of Equalization on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM and as the Board of Commissioners at 1:15 PM, effective May 2, 2023. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: Bauer Aye, Small Aye and Dailey Nay, motion carried.

Brown County Veterans Service Officer (BCVSO) sent his letter of resignation for the Boards acceptance.

Small moved to accept the letter of resignation from BCVSO Austin Beard with regret. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The Board acknowledged the receipt of a letter from Middle Niobrara NRD with the water sample report with results of 3.0 PPM at the last test, relating to sampled wells at Sandhills Elite Genetics and Jones Finishers.

The Board acknowledged the report of the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy relating to a project with the lagoons at Rolling Stone Feedlot, Bauer spoke with Bob Maxwell and the project consists of combining lagoons to limit the number of pumps needed to move the wastewater.

Graig Kinzie gave an update on the well waiver he is seeking. Graig will work with Brown County Attorney (BCA) Andy Taylor to create a Resolution for the well project.

Small moved to approve payment of the claims and the Brown County Clerk's monthly fee report for March of \$4,959.66. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Public comments were made.

The meeting was recessed at 10:20 AM.

The meeting was reconvened at 1:00 PM.

(BCA) Andy Taylor discussed the Ambulance Barn ownership situation with the Board. Ainsworth City Administrator Lisa Schroedl and Councilman Vance Heyer and Ann Fiala representing the Ambulance Association were present.

Bauer moved to accept the donation of the building and real estate associated with the ambulance building. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Dailey moved to approve Resolution #2023-19 authorizing BKR Extension to obtain a credit card from Homestead Bank. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

BCS Deibler discussed the purchase of a Sports Utility Vehicle, Deibler obtained 3 informal bids. The bids were all under the \$50,000.00 threshold so formal bids were not required. A bid from Janssen Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, North Platte, Nebraska, 2023 Dodge Durango SXT AWD \$43,034.00, Sid Dillon Auto, Lincoln, Nebraska, 2023 Dodge Durango GT Launch edition with Navigation & AWD, \$41,980.00 and 1<sup>st</sup> Class Auto/Krotter Auto, Ainsworth, Nebraska, 2023 Dodge Durango GT Launch edition AWD \$44,085.00. Discussion was held regarding the three bids, Deibler stated that the local one had the options that fit their needs and the service could be done locally. The Board accepted the bid from 1<sup>st</sup> Class Auto/Krotter Auto and rejected the bids submitted by Janssen Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge and Sid Dillon Auto.

Dailey moved to authorize Sheriff Deibler to order and purchase a 2023 Dodge Durango Launch edition AWD from 1<sup>st</sup> Class Auto/Krotter Auto, Ainsworth, Nebraska for \$44,085.00. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Brown County Commissioners will be Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 1:15 PM, Brown County Courthouse, Ainsworth, Nebraska.

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