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June 6, 2023

The Brown County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 1:15 PM., in the Brown County Courthouse meeting room with members, Vice Chairman Dennis Bauer and Jeremiah Dailey present. Chairman Buddy Small was absent with an excused absence. Also present were Brown County Clerk (BCC) Travis Hobbs, Brown County Attorney (BCA) Andy Taylor and Brown County Treasurer (BCT) Bruce Mitchell.

Vice Chairman Bauer acknowledged the Open Meeting Act posted near the entrance to the Meeting Room.

Those in attendance rose and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

BCT Mitchell discussed the Hospital and Highway Bond Fund Payment due in June.

Bauer moved to approve the Brown County Treasurer to wire the payment of the Bond Payments due June 15, 2023, and approving Resolution #2023-29 taking the Highway payment from the County Highway Buy Back Fund. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: Bauer Aye, Dailey Aye and Small Absent, motion carried.

Dailey moved to approve minutes from the May 16, 2023, Commissioner meeting as written and officially recorded in Commissioner Book 23. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: Bauer Aye, Dailey Aye and Small Absent, motion carried.

BCHS Turpin gave a report on the road department projects.

The Board discussed the application for payment to Western Engineering from Miller and Associates for Meadville Avenue paving project of \$2,228,641.65.

Dailey moved to pay the Western Engineering for the paving project. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: Bauer Aye, Dailey Aye and Small Absent, motion carried.

At 1:30 P.M. the Public Hearing to consider the Isolated Lands Easement submitted by Grant Kobes was opened.

Grant Kobes made an opening statement. Tom Milligan and Paula Peters asked questions, and Todd Flynn made a statement. Greg Vilwok made a statement against the road access from the South.

Hannah Smith, BKR Beef Systems Extension Educator presented the proposed 2023-2024 Budget. The Board acknowledged the Budget as presented.

Discussion was held on the payment of a bill to Nebraska Department of Transportation for the Sand Draw Bridge project. This bill is part of the County's portion of the project for \$175,396.44.

Dailey moved to pay the bill from the ARPA funds. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: Bauer Aye, Dailey Aye and Small absent, motion carried.

The Board acknowledged the annual budget request from the Ainsworth Public Library of \$11,000.00.

The Board discussed the Central Nebraska Economic Development District (CNEDD) annual membership dues.

Bauer moved to pay the membership dues for 2023-2024 of \$1,496.00 to CNEDD. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: Bauer Aye, Dailey Aye and Small Absent, motion carried.

Bauer moved to approve Resolution #2023-30 transferring \$500.00 from Miscellaneous General in General Fund to District Judges Budget in General Fund. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: Bauer Aye, Dailey Aye and Small Absent, motion carried.

Correspondence letters were reviewed from Five Rule Rural Planning and Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs.

No action was taken regarding the Courthouse roof repairs. The item was placed on the next agenda.

Bauer moved to approve payment of the claims and the Brown County Clerk's monthly fee report of \$1,292.75 for May and the Brown County Sheriff's monthly fee report of \$239.63 for February, \$452.44 for March and \$502.19 for April. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: Bauer Aye, Dailey Aye and Small Absent, motion carried.

No Public comments were made.

Bauer moved to enter executive session to discuss County Officials and prevent injury to their reputation. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: Bauer Aye, Dailey Aye and Small Absent, motion carried.

Bauer restated the reason for executive session.

The Board entered executive session at 2:28 PM.

The Board came out of executive session at 3:02 PM.

The Public hearing for the Isolated Lands Easement was continued to August 1, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Brown County Commissioners will be Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 1:15 PM, Brown County Courthouse, Ainsworth, Nebraska.

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