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June 20, 2023

The Brown County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 1:15 PM., 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 Highway Superintendent (BCHS) and Brown County Attorney (BCA) Andy Taylor.

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.

BCHS Turpin gave a report on the road department projects.

At 1:20 pm Elaine Menzel, Legal Counsel with Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) was present to give an update on NACO operations.

At 1:30 pm the Board opened and reviewed one sealed bid for the Sheriff's pickup. The bid was submitted by Ainsworth Motors, Ainsworth, Nebraska for a 2023 Super Duty F250, equipped with a topper and toolbox for equipment storage for \$64,935.81.

Bauer moved to accept the bid from Ainsworth Motors. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed the application for county burial for Scott Trofholz.

Bauer moved to approve the application as presented. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

At 1:45 pm Mike Wagoner discussed property access due to the bridge being out going to his property. The Bridge was washed out during the 2019 floods and still has not been repaired for vehicle access. The family has made some repairs with materials provided by the County, but it has been washed out again recently. Discussion was held regarding whether the road and bridge are County owned. BCHS Turpin will research the road and bridge to see if they are County owned to determine the responsibility of the County.

At 2:00 pm Todd Flynn was present to discuss the Subdivision Approval located in Sec 2&3, Twp 28, Range 22.

Small moved to approve the Subdivision Approval as presented. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Brown County Sheriff (BCS) Deibler discussed the basement leaking in the Sheriff's department building. The Board advised that BCS Deibler contacted Epp's Foundation, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The Board discussed the Courthouse Roof repair. Chairman Small and BCA Taylor will work on getting an add put together to advertise the project. The Board discussed the possible courthouse expansion to deal with the cramped or lack of office spaces. No further action will be taken regarding an expansion.

The Board discussed writing a letter to the Nebraska Legislature regarding Nebraska State Statute 39-1812. BCA Taylor stated that the County has the authority to create their own ordinance without going to the Legislature. No action was taken. A County ordinance addressing the issue will be considered at the next meeting.

The Board acknowledged the correspondence letters, a postcard from Nebraska Department of Transportation regarding a District 8 Program Hearing on June 23, 2023, and a letter from Middle Niobrara Natural Resources District addressing the water sample testing for nitrates near the Sandhills Elite Genetics north facility, results at 6.4 ppm.

The Board acknowledged the Quarterly Custodian report.

Bauer moved to approve Resolution #2023-31 transferring \$2,985.90 from Miscellaneous General Fund within the General Fund to the Reappraisal Fund. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Dailey moved to approve Resolution #2023-32 transferring \$94.00 from Miscellaneous General Fund to Institution Fund within the General Fund. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Small moved to approve Resolution #2023-33 transferring \$620.00 from Miscellaneous General Fund within General Fund to District Judges Budget in General Fund. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Bauer moved to approve Resolution #2023-34 transferring \$29,500.00 from Miscellaneous Fund within the General Fund to Sheriff Fund within the General Fund. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Bauer moved to approve minutes from the June 6, 2023, Commissioner meeting as written and officially recorded in Commissioner Book 23. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: Bauer Aye, Dailey Aye and Small Abstain, motion carried.

Bauer moved to approve payment of the claims and the Brown County Sheriff's monthly fee report of \$340.66 for May. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Public comments were made.

The Board worked on the proposed 2023-2024 budget worksheets.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Brown County Commissioners will be Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at 1:15 PM, Brown County Courthouse, Ainsworth, Nebraska.

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