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July 18, 2023

The Brown County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, July 18, 2023, at 1:15 PM., in the Brown County Courthouse meeting room with members Chairman Buddy Small and Jeremiah Dailey present. Member Dennis Bauer was absent with an excused absence. Also present were Brown County Clerk (BCC) Travis Hobbs 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.

Small moved to approve minutes from the July 5, 2023, Commissioner meeting as written and officially recorded in Commissioner Book 23. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: Small Aye, Dailey Aye and Bauer Absent, motion carried.

BCHS Turpin was not present to give a road department report.

The Board discussed a county ordinance relative to Nebraska State Statute 39-1812. No action will be taken regarding the proposed ordinance.

Discussion was held regarding the replacement or repair of the Wagoner bridge. After discussion it was determined to not be a county bridge and the County will not repair the bridge.

The Board discussed purchasing gasoline/fuel from Yogi's Place, Ainsworth, Nebraska. Small stated that Greg Jochem, owner of Yogi's Place will maintain parity with Central Valley Ag in removing the Federal gas tax amount from the sale. An authorized list of people who can charge will be kept up to date at the station.

Dailey moved to approve the gasoline/fuel purchase from Yogi's Place, Ainsworth, Nebraska for the Brown County Road department. Small seconded. Roll Call: Small Aye, Dailey Aye and Bauer Absent, motion carried

The Board discussed renewing the membership of North Central RC & D. The Board declined to renew the membership.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Brown County 2021/2022 Audit as prepared by Ritterbush & Piotrowski L.L.P., Omaha, Nebraska.

The Board discussed the Appeara Service contract.

Dailey moved to approve the contract with Appeara Services and authorize Chairman Small to sign. Small seconded. Roll Call: Small Aye, Dailey Aye and Bauer Absent, motion carried.

Small moved to approve Resolution #2023-36 granting the authorization to Exceed the Restriction of Expenditures regarding Green Gable Contracting. The resolution authorizes the payment of the claim prior to the 2023-2024 budget being adopted. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: Small Aye, Dailey Aye and Bauer Absent, motion carried.

The Board discussed the interest payment for the new Ambulance purchased last fall. BCA Taylor recommended that the payment be processed with the August 1, 2023, claims and an agreement made with the Ambulance Association going forward. The item will be placed on the next agenda.

The Board discussed the repairs being made to the Sheriff's Office and what budget the bills should be paid from.

It was decided that the repair bills should be paid from the Jail Budget.

Small moved to approve payment of the claims and the Brown County Clerk's monthly fee report of \$3,537.99. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: Small Aye, Dailey Aye and Bauer Absent, motion carried.

During public comment, Graig Kinzie discussed the community pond project and stated that the Lions Club will be responsible for any ongoing upkeep with the pond, the County bears no responsibility.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 PM.

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

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