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August 15, 2023

The Brown County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, August 15, 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 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 August 1, 2023, Commissioner meeting as written and officially recorded in Commissioner Book 23. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Brown County Rural Fire Department members John & Lynne Cozad and Eric Goochey were present to discuss the budget request submitted by the Rural Fire Board.

Tom Jones, Chairman of the Ainsworth/Brown County Interlocal Board, presented the Board with the proposed 2023-2024 Budget.

At 1:30 PM Heidi Kuklis, Executive Director of North Central Health Department and Miles of Smiles program coordinator, Mindy Spencer discussed the Miles of Smiles program.

Bauer moved to approve the funding of \$1,032.00 per year for five years. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Small moved to approve payment of the claims and the Brown County Clerk's monthly fee report of \$4,601.41. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Brown County Highway Superintendent (BCHS) Kenneth Turpin gave a road department report.

The Board discussed the Agreement between the State of Nebraska and Brown County relating to the use of County roads 877 & Cemetery Road as detour during the Main Street reconstruction project.

Bauer moved to approve Resolution 2023 - 37 authorizing Chairman Small to sign the agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The Board acknowledged the receipt of the Jail Standards report.

Public comments were made.

Small moved to go into executive session to discuss evaluation and recommended pay raises for Road Department employees and avoid any harm to any person's reputation. Bauer seconded. Roll call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Chairman Small restated the reason for executive session.

The Board entered executive session at 2:21 PM.

Small moved to come out of Executive session. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The Board came out of executive session at 2:35 PM.

Small moved to increase the hourly rate of the following: Nakoa Fletcher by \$1.00, Wyatt Cole by \$2.00, Bill Worden by \$2.00 and Kade Gracey by \$2.00. effective August 11, 2023. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Caleb Johnson, Budget Preparer for Brown County met with the Board and Officials for the purpose of the Budget workshop.

The Board discussed designating a vendor for the 2023 postcard printing.

Bauer moved to designate the State Print Shop for the 2023 postcard printing. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Bauer moved to approve Resolution 2023 – 38 setting the tax allocation to the Miscellaneous Districts. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed creating a Nursing Home fund to comply with the budget requirement pertaining to the successful ballot issue of November 8, 2022.

Small moved to direct the treasurer to implement Nursing Home Special Fund 5101, relating to the ballot issue from November 8, 2022. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Dailey moved to approve Resolution 2023 – 39 1% increase in Restricted Funds Authority. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Bauer moved to approve Resolution 2023 – 40 Authorization/Reauthorization of Petty Cash Funds. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Brown County Commissioners will be Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 1:15 PM, 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.