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September 5, 2023

The Brown County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 1:25 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 Treasurer (BCT) Bruce Mitchell, Brown County Sheriff (BCS) Brent Deibler 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 15, 2023, Commissioner meeting as written and officially recorded in Commissioner Book 23. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

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

BCHS Turpin discussed the potential lease purchase of a 2024 HX620 SBA International truck from Cornhusker International Trucks, Inc, using either Source Well contract or DA Davidson. DA Davidson through Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) was the best option, the County will pay \$60,000.00 down and then a yearly payment of \$37,766.00 for 3 years.

Dailey moved to purchase the Truck from Cornhusker International Truck's, Inc., utilizing DA Davidson through NACO and authorize BCHS Turpin to order the Truck. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Speed Limit on Meadville Avenue/Old Highway 7. No action was taken. BCHS Turpin will investigate the procedure. Small stated that he is not in favor of raising the Speed Limit at all. Dailey stated that he is not in favor of raising it over 55 mph. BCS Deibler requested extra signage.

BCT Mitchell discussed the transfer of the original \$50,000.00 Local Assistance Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) money from Miscellaneous General Fund to the Covid American Rescue Plan (ARP) fund because of the tracking ability.

Small moved to approve Resolution 2023 – 41 transferring \$50,000.00 of the LATCF Funds from Miscellaneous General with the General Fund to the Covid ARP fund. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Brown County Emergency Manager, (BCEM) Traci Booth discussed the 2023 LEOP, Regroup, and assigning an agent for Hazardous Mitigation Planning.

Bauer moved to approve Resolution 2023 – 42 approving the 2023 LEOP. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Bauer moved to appoint Jeremiah Dailey as the authorized agent for the Hazardous Mitigation Planning. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

No action taken on the Sandhills Weed Management Interlocal agreement. The item was placed on the next agenda.

BCS Brent Deibler discussed implementing a Deferred Compensation Retirement Plan. The plan would be a benefit to the full-time County Employees with no

additional costs to the County. BCA Taylor will check with the National Association of Counties to determine if the County is enrolled in a program with them. If the County is not enrolled, then they can participate in the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System.

BCS Deibler discussed removing the Generator/Power Plant from the basement of the Sheriff's Office. The Generator/Power Plant is unusable for the purpose of the Sheriff's Office and BCS Deibler has a new generator on order.

Small moved to authorize Jones Salvage to remove the Generator/Power Plant from the Sheriff Facility, with the understanding that Jones Salvage will keep the Generator and the Power Plant for parts in lieu of payment. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Bauer moved to approve Resolution 2023 – 43 appointing Buddy Small and Dennis Bauer as the alternate for the County representative to the Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed the Party Wall agreement with the City of Ainsworth regarding the ambulance barn.

Dailey moved to approve Resolution 2023 -44 the agreement with the City of Ainsworth and authorize Chairman Small to sign. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed the repairs needed to the courthouse and roof, after advertising no bids were received. The Board will seek out contractors to do the work.

Bauer moved to approve Resolution 2023 - 45 budgeted transfer of \$300,000.00 from Miscellaneous General in General Fund to County Highway Fund. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The Board reviewed and approved the Brown County Inventories as presented.

Small moved to approve payment of the claims. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

No Public comments were made.

Small moved to go into executive session to eliminate possible harm to any person's reputation. Bauer seconded. Roll call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The Board asked BCA Taylor and Courthouse Custodian Tammy Grupe to remain in executive session.

Chairman Small restated the reason for executive session.

The Board entered executive session at 3:06 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 3:57 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Brown County Commissioners will be Tuesday, September 19, 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.