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November 7, 2023

The Brown County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 7, 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) Kenneth Turpin 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 October 17, 2023, Commissioner meetings as written and officially recorded in Commissioner Book 23. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

BCHS Kenneth Turpin gave a road department report.

BCHS Turpin discussed the Standardized System of Annual Reporting (SSAR).

Dailey moved to approve the BCHS's SSAR report with the updated numbers and authorize Chairman Small to sign. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

BCHS Turpin discussed signing of the Year End Certification of County Highway Superintendent (YECCHS) and Signing Resolution.

Bauer moved to approve Resolution #2023 – 54 Year End certification of County Highway Superintendent for 2023. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Brown County Treasurer (BCT) Bruce Mitchell presented the Distress Warrants that were issued on November 1, 2023.

The Board acknowledged the distress warrants as presented.

Dailey discussed the bids regarding repair to the emergency manager pickup. The bids were well under \$10,000.00 and no action was taken by the board. The pickup is scheduled to be repaired next week under the direction of BREMA manager of Traci Booth.

Deputy Emergency Manager Jessica Pozehl was present, and University of Nebraska Lincoln Forestry representative, John Erikson appeared telephonically to discuss the Stop the Burn grant.

At 1:55 PM Brown County Hospital CEO Mirya Hallock discussed the Brown County Hospital License renewal.

Bauer moved to approve the Brown County Hospital License renewal and authorize Chairman Small to sign. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Bauer moved to approve payment of the claims and the Brown County Clerk's monthly fee report of \$5,173.21. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Bauer moved to authorize UNL to apply for the grant, Stop the Burn, with Brown County as a subrecipient. Small seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed repairs to be made to the Courthouse roof.

The Board recessed at 2:10 PM. The Board resumed at 2:15 PM.

Discussions were held further.

Dailey moved to have Fernau Construction carry on with replacing all the boots, seal coat all screws, seal all seams, replace big square cap, seal up all flashings, and replace main cap (corridor etc.). The sealing will be done by Compass and Shawn Fernau to oversee their work within the next 2 weeks. Motion died for lack of a second. Informal bids will need to be sought since the scope of work has been changed from the original bids. The Board set a special meeting for Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 1:00 PM to accept a bid for the roof repair.

The Board discussed the speed limit on Meadville Avenue.

Bauer moved to increase the speed limit up to 55 mph and extend the 35 mph as far as BCHS Turpin determines necessary and have Turpin do as much of the study as he is allowed to do. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: Bauer Aye, Small Nay and Dailey Aye, motion carried.

Small discussed the Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) renewals.

Dailey moved to renew our membership with NIRMA and authorize Chairman Small to sign Resolution #2023 - 56. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed the Lexington Area Solid Waste Agency.

Bauer moved to authorize Chairman Small to sign Resolution #2023 – 55 the Interlocal agreement with Lexington Solid Waste Agency. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed the County Burial Application for payment for Leslie Bomar.

Small moved to approve the County Burial Application for payment for Leslie Bomar. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

BCA Taylor informed the Board of a letter the County received from Keating/O’Gara regarding possible pending case with Ruth Micheel and that the information has been provided to NIRMA. The Board acknowledged receipt of the letter.

BCC Hobbs presented the Board with the Quarterly Custodian Report, and the Board acknowledged it.

There were no correspondence letters.

No public comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Brown County Commissioners will be Tuesday, November 21, 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.