

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Dwight A. Kruse and Keith Olsen. Commissioner Lehmkuhl met via Zoom. Also present was County Clerk, Melissa Gormley. County Attorney, Kevin Hill was present for a portion of the meeting via Zoom. Dwight A. Kruse opened the meeting at 8:10 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Richard Lehmkuhl led the meeting with a prayer.

APPRAISER

Brown County Appraiser, Steve Markham, discussed the current job openings in his office. Markham stated he is going to put off hiring until the county gets back to normal. He is also going to ask for quotes to outsource valuation statements.

PAYROLL

The November 18, 2020, payroll was approved as follows:

General	\$71,616.48
Road & Bridge	13,008.75
Election	2,220.77
Technology	324.63
Appraiser	7,431.77
Noxious Weed	1,025.63
ACC	10,851.85
JJA Core	10,246.59
Reinvestment Grant	3,249.91
Services for Elderly	2,205.00
Solid Waste	6,851.75
Special MVT	8,455.41
Employee Ben FICA	8,352.17
Employee Ben KPERS	10,322.89
State Unemploy/Work Comp	-210.06
Insurance	-12,000.98
TOTAL	\$143,952.56

MINUTES

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve the November 16, 2020, minutes. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

KANZA MENTAL HEALTH

Motion by Keith Olsen to sign a letter of support for KANZA Mental Health to provide transportation services to clients through the KDOT program. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

MEALS ON WHEELS

John Broberg, Hiawatha Hospital CEO, and Karen Wilson, Director NEKAAA, was present to discuss Meals on Wheels and how it affects critical access hospitals. Broberg stated that they are transitioning the meals over to NEKAAA. Wilson stated they are going to continue the shelf stable meals and hot meals. The commission discussed the current subsidy that the county pays towards meals and mileage. Wilson stated she would like to revisit that at a later date.

SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

Wanda Davis, Services for the Elderly Director, was present to discuss her position as Activity Director for the Senior Citizens Center and as the Director for Services for the Elderly. Davis stated if she is to continue both positions she would like a pay raise and to receive paid time off.

Motion by Dwight Kruse to close the Hiawatha Senior Center until January 4, 2021, or until they find a part-time employee. Died to lack of a second.

ESP

Brad Rahe and Duke Snider were present to discuss the bids received last week.

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to accept the bid from Martin Mechanical for \$147,178. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

COVID-19

The commission reviewed the proposal for the courthouse to limit public access to take preventative measures to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. The commission discussed using the ballot box as a way to collect tax payments and other paperwork for the county offices.

Motion by Keith Olsen to limiting the public to the courthouse due to the increase in COVID-19 effective 8 a.m. on Monday, November 30, 2020. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

COVID-19

Robin Downard, Brown County Health Officer, discussed the school setting modified quarantine. She asked the commission to review the document.

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to accept the updated contact tracing and exclusion of contacts in a low risk school setting. Seconded by Dwight Kruse. Motion carried. Commissioner Olsen voted nay.

BROWN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Don Pounds, Brown County Emergency Manager, discussed the SPARK fund accounting. Pounds stated the State has come up with different rules and he is having to go back and redo the reporting. Pounds will send the report on the Cheryl Lippold and Melissa Gormley to see if they can help.

Motion by Keith Olsen to adjourn. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday, November 30, 2020, to approve month end bills.

ATTEST:

MELISSA GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED BY:

DWIGHT A. KRUSE, CHAIRMAN

KEITH OLSEN, MEMBER

RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, MEMBER