

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

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

The April 30, 2020, month-end claims were approved as follows:

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| 001 General | \$135,500.71 |
| 103 Road & Bridge | 112,266.24 |
| 123 Historical Society | 4,375.00 |
| 125 Employee Benefit | 80,856.42 |
| 127 Election | 225.24 |
| 129 Extension | 8,500.00 |
| 131 Mental Health | 5,850.00 |
| 133 Developmental Services | 2,254.33 |
| 143 Appraiser | 242.84 |
| 145 Ambulance | 21,250.00 |
| 147 Noxious Weed | 2,647.80 |
| 151 Alcohol | 3,240.50 |
| 155 Diversion | 762.39 |
| 160 911 SB50 | 5,876.93 |
| 165 ACC | 2,742.00 |
| 167 JJCR | 3,569.83 |
| 168 Reinvestment Grant | 54.00 |
| 201 Services for Elderly | 3,261.99 |
| 211 Solid Waste | 28,858.50 |
| 909 Payroll | 211.59 |
| TOTAL | \$422,546.31 |

MINUTES

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2020, regular meeting. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE

District 2 Road and Bridge Foreman, Jerry Hisle, gave an update on the summer crew.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Motion by Keith Olsen to chip and seal the small towns in the county excluding Horton and Hiawatha. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE PERMIT 20-02

Motion by Dwight Kruse to approve Road and Bridge Permit 20-02 located on Horned Owl Road. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Brown County Commissioner, Dwight Kruse requested a 25 or 30 minute executive session. Motion by Keith Olsen for a 25 minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners and the interviewees present by telephone to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Closed 8:40 a.m. Opened 9:05 a.m. No binding action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Brown County Commissioner, Keith Olsen requested a 10 minute executive session. Motion by Keith Olsen for a 10 minute executive session on non-elected personnel with the three Commissioners and the interviewees present by telephone to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel with executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Closed 9:08 a.m. Opened 9:18 a.m. No binding action was taken.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Motion by Keith Olsen to offer the Rover position to the candidate. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Commissioner Kruse stated that John Selland and Quentin Overdick both took a crewman position with District 1.

COVID-19

Chastity Schumann, NEK Multi County Health, and Don Pounds, Brown County Emergency Management Director, met with the commission via video conference. Schumann has been working on a Phase Opening. She stated that a limit of 10, social distancing, and the working from home should continue. Schumann stated that surrounding counties are still doing stay at home orders for the next two weeks. Businesses in the county were discussed. Small businesses should maintain social distancing and sanitation. Commissioner Lehmkuhl stated he would like to see businesses open, but they would need to submit a plan stating they would meet the state requirements. Don Pounds stated that he would review the plans submitted for small businesses. Pounds said electronic submission would work best and he would be able to answer within 48 hours. Commissioner Olsen requested a special meeting at 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 1, 2020.

COMMISSION

Motion by Keith Olsen to hold a special meeting at 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 1, 2020, in response to COVID-19 and how it will relate to small businesses and county departments. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

Lori Gray, Director, stated her department is not ready to open. They do not have the sanitation supplies, nor will she be able to get them within the next couple of days. She reviewed her reopening plan, which she would like to see take place in a couple weeks for the Taxi Service and the Senior Citizens Center.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Nellie Brockhoff, Register of Deeds, stated that her office is not prepared for a reopen on Monday. Brockhoff stated she has ordered PPE for her office, but has not been received.

TREASURER

Cheryl Lippold, Treasurer, stated she was unsure if driver’s license would be open Monday. She stated her office was working fine with split shifts and she would take appointments only if the courthouse opened. Lippold discussed future plans her office was preparing for.

APPRAISER

Steve Markham, Appraiser, stated that his deadlines have been met. Markham is in agreement with Lippold on how the courthouse should reopen.

COURTHOUSE

Commissioner Kruse discussed opening the courthouse from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. to the public. He also requested Lori Gray, to ask one of her employees, who is a RN, to take temperatures at the door.

4-COUNTY COURT

Judge Patton made suggestions to the reopening of the courthouse. He stated he would like to see the one entrance/exit to remain, with a sign in sheet for citizens that enter the building. He stated some of the obstacles that the court system faces.

COURTHOUSE

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to keep the courthouse closed to the current restrictions that are in place until May 18, 2020. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Keith Olsen. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m. The next meeting will be Friday, May 1, 2020, to discuss COVID-19.

ATTEST:

MELISSA L GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED BY:

DWIGHT A. KRUSE, CHAIRMAN

KEITH OLSEN, MEMBER

RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, MEMBER