

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 Deputy Clerk Dawn Boyles. 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.

MINUTES

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the May 11, 2020, minutes. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE

Commissioner Lehmkuhl announced Terry Siebenmorgen has accepted the position of District 1 Road Foreman effective May 4, 2020.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Brown County Attorney, Kevin Hill, discussed the video interview system. The current video interview system is starting to fail and needs replaced. The bid from Voice Products Inc. is for the upgrade is \$10,830.00 and an additional \$7,436.00 for a five year maintenance agreement. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to approve the upgrade for \$10,830.00 and an additional \$7,436.00 for five year maintenance to be paid for from the miscellaneous funds. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

COVID 19

Chastity Schumann, NEK Multi County Health, and Don Pounds, Brown County Emergency Management Director, met with the commission via video and phone conference. Schumann stated that there are currently five confirmed COVID 19 cases in Brown County with one of them recovered. There is six to eight tests they are still awaiting results for. Schumann also requested approval to hire a part time temporary disease investigator to help with the investigations of COVID 19. FEMA will cover 75% of the wages with the Brown County Health department covering the other 25%. Schumann is on board with the governor’s current 1.5 plan. Don Pounds does not feel Brown County needs to go any stricter than the governor’s 1.5 plan at this time. Brown County Treasurer, Cheryl Lippold, requested clarification on opening the courthouse Tuesday through Friday from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. by appointment only. Schumann agreed that the county could move forward with those plans. Services for the Elderly taxi service will still be on hold until June 1, 2020.

BROWN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Motion by Keith Olsen to allow the Brown County Health Department the authority to hire a part time temporary disease investigator at \$20 per hour with a minimum of 10 hours per week. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

COVID 19

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to open up self-serve beverages within the county with a new cup to be used every time and to keep buffets and salad bars closed at this time effective May 18, 2020, at 9:02 a.m. and will expire 12:01 a.m. on June 1, 2020. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

HIAWATHA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

John Broberg, Hiawatha Community Hospital CEO, updated the commission on happenings at HCH. Broberg stated that have tested 222 people through HCH with one test still outstanding.

RESOLUTION 2020-12

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve Resolution 2020-12 COVID 19 Public Health Emergency Resolution. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

ROAD & BRIDGE

The commission discussed the needs for a road and bridge secretary. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to advertise for a part time road and bridge secretary until the position is filled. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Richard Lehmkuhl. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. The next regular meeting will be Friday, May 29, 2020, to approve month end bills.

ATTEST:	APPROVED BY:
<div>MELISSA L GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK</div>	<div>DWIGHT A KRUSE, CHAIRMAN</div>
	<div>KEITH OLSEN, MEMBER</div>
	<div>RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, MEMBER</div>