

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. Dwight Kruse opened the meeting at 8:10 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Richard Lehmkuhl read a prayer sent to him from Shane Spangler.

APPRAISER

Brown County Appraiser, Steve Markham, introduced his new employee, Chrissy Torkelson. Markham presented paperwork from the State letting the commission know the appraiser’s office is in compliance.

ROAD AND BRIDGE

Julie Liberty, Road and Bridge Secretary, updated the commission on her office. Liberty discussed the inventory list. She updated the commission on 320th and Kestrel.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Venice Sloan, Director, requested signatures on the Juvenile and Adult Budget carry over.

MINUTES

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the July 20, 2020, minutes. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

CITIZEN

A letter from Eric McPeak requesting the commission to consider mandatory face mask was read aloud.

KDOT

Bob Hamilton, KDOT, presented Sheriff Merchant and the Brown County Sheriff’s Office with the AAA Kansas Community Traffic Safety award. The Sheriff Office was recognized for several activities. There were only 13 Platinum Awards given out across the state.

JANITOR

The commission spoke with Head Custodian, Dave Schuetz, regarding the sanitizing. Schuetz stated that he had spoken to Jim Hills about the windows in the courthouse. The commission requested Schuetz get more bids for the flooring in the basement.

ELECTION

Brown County Clerk, Melissa Gormley, updated the commission on election. The Election Office has mailed 833 ballots, with 310 being returned and 121 in person voting.

SPARK

Don Pounds, Emergency Manager, met with the commission via zoom. Brown County Treasurer, Cheryl Lippold, was also present for the discussion. Pounds asked the commission to consider reimbursement requests. Motion by Keith Olsen to recommend reimbursement from Brown County SPARK to Brown County Treasurer for \$1,177.36. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Motion by Keith Olsen to recommend reimbursement from Brown County SPARK to City of Horton for \$1,146.94. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Motion by Keith Olsen to recommend reimbursement from Brown County SPARK to Brown County District Court for \$179.97. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to recommend reimbursement from Brown County SPARK to Latchkey in the amount of \$49.05. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Lippold stated \$1,611,713.29 was the remaining balance of SPARK fund. Pounds requested a special meeting for August 6, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. to discuss SPARK/COVID-19. Pounds presented an agreement between the two school districts that he would like the commission to review. He sent a copy to County Attorney, Kevin Hill, for his review.

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to adjourn. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 9:52 a.m. The next regular meeting will be Friday, July 31, 2020, to approve month end bills.

ATTEST:

MELISSA GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED BY:

DWIGHT A. KRUSE, CHAIRMAN

KEITH OLSEN, MEMBER

RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, MEMBER