

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, and Deputy County Clerk, Dawn Boyles. County Attorney Kevin Hill was present for a portion of the meeting. Dwight Kruse opened the meeting at 8:10 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Pastor Alan Ely led the meeting with a prayer.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2020, and the two special meetings of August 5, 2020, and August 6, 2020. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

**APPRAISER**

Brown County Appraiser, Steve Markham, presented a letter from PVD stating that Brown County is in compliance.

**TAX CHANGE ORDERS**

Tax Change Orders 2019-90 through 2019-92, 2019-94, 2019-96 through 2019-107, 2019-111 through 2019-116 were approved and signed.

**CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE**

Motion by Keith Olsen to accept the Cereal Malt Beverage License for Casino White Cloud. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE**

The commissioners reviewed an agreement from Jackson County for disposal of hazardous waste. The commissioners will revisit the issue next week, after speaking to Charlie Brockhoff and George Bruning.

**COVID-19**

Brown County Emergency Manager, Don Pounds, was available via phone conference. The signed Memorandums of Agreement are still pending.

Motion by Keith Olsen to recommend reimbursement from Brown County SPARK for direct aid in the amount of \$1,594,651.55 for different entities in Brown County as a result of COVID-19 pandemic. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

**2021 BUDGET HEARING**

Motion by Keith Olsen to go into budget hearing session. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. The 2021 budget is set at 11.2 million. The estimated tax rate is 31.038 and is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation. Joey May asked if there were any significant changes in the budget. The commission stated that Road and Bridge went down, and they did away with the miscellaneous fund. Most county budgets were cut. Motion by Keith Olsen to accept the 2021 Brown County Budget as published. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Motion by Keith Olsen to go back into regular session. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

**CANVASS MEETING**

Motion by Keith Olsen to recess into the Canvass Meeting. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

**CANVASS OF BALLOTS**

Motion by Keith Olsen to allow Deputy County Clerk Dawn Boyles to assist in canvassing the ballots. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. The August 4, 2020, Primary Election voting records were canvassed. There were 44 provisional ballots. Motion by Keith Olsen to approve the counting of 14 provisional ballots, with 30 provisional ballots not counted, all according to Kansas State Statutes. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried.

**TIE BREAKER**

Brown County Election Officer, Melissa Gormley, reported there was a tie for the position of Republican Mission Township Trustee. The names drawn were as follows: Alan Yaussi and Tom Lockwood. Alan Yaussi won the coin toss. Election Officer Melissa Gormley reported a 43.57% voter turnout for Brown County, including the provisional ballots. Motion by Keith Olsen to accept the Election Audit Report. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion by Keith Olsen to accept the August 4, 2020, Primary Election canvass. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to reconvene the regular Board of Commissioners meeting. Seconded by Keith Olsen. Motion carried.

Motion by Keith Olsen to adjourn. Seconded by Richard Lehmkuhl. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, August 17, 2020.

ATTEST:

APPROVED BY:

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MELISSA GORMLEY, COUNTY CLERK

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DWIGHT A. KRUSE, CHAIRMAN

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KEITH OLSEN, MEMBER

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RICHARD L. LEHMKUHL, MEMBER