

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Lucas Heinen, Commissioner Richard Tesoriero and Commissioner William Pollock. Also present was Brown County Clerk Nicole Lee. Lucas Heinen opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer led by Commissioner Heinen.

COUNTY PERSONNEL / PUBLIC COMMENT

Emergency Management

Brown County Resident Brandon Roberts was present to discuss the upcoming Emergency Manager opening and what experiences he has had that would make him a candidate.

Commission Discussion

The County Commissioners discussed coordinating with the local Fire Chiefs while updating the Burn Ban Resolution.

Executive Session

Brown County Clerk Nicole Lee requested a 5-minute executive session to discuss non-elected employee duties. Motion by Lucas Heinen to recess into executive session for 5 minutes with the three commissioners and County Clerk Nicole Lee present for the purpose of discussing duties of non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the employee. The open meeting will reconvene in the Commissioner’s Room at 2:19 p.m. Seconded by Richard Tesoriero. Motion carried. No binding action was taken.

Executive Session

Chairman Lucas Heinen requested a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected employee duties and compensation. Motion by Lucas Heinen to recess into executive session for 10 minutes with the three commissioners and County Clerk Nicole Lee present for the purpose of discussing duties and compensation of non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the employees. The open meeting will reconvene in the Commissioner’s Room at 2:30 p.m. Seconded by Richard Tesoriero. Motion carried. No binding action was taken.

MINUTES 01-26-2026

Motion by Richard Tesoriero to approve the January 26, 2026 minutes. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

A/P 01-30-2026

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

The January 30, 2026, claims were approved as follows: Motion by Richard Tesoriero to approve accounts payable. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

001 General	\$126,166.97
103 Road & Bridge	12,226.20
123 Historical Society	5,000.00
125 Employee Benefit	43,511.71
129 Extension Council	21,333.30
131 Mental Health	14,885.80
133 Developmental Services	2,845.24
143 Appraiser	15,872.54
145 Ambulance	50,833.37
147 Noxious Weed	224.98
155 Diversion	4,750.00
160 911 SB50	6,398.20
165 ACC	2,878.93
167 JJCR	1,790.82
201 Services for Elderly	5,662.06
211 Solid Waste	21,727.12
909 Payroll	80.09
TOTAL	\$336,187.33

KLEND AUSTERMAN

Michelle Brenwald and Chris McElgunn, Klenda Austerman members, were present via Zoom to update the Commission on progress of the upcoming tax foreclosure process. Currently there will be 102 properties eligible for this sale.

Motion by William Pollock to adjourn. Seconded by Richard Tesoriero. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, February 2, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION

The Brown County Commissioners convened at 2:33 p.m. at the Brown County Courthouse for a work session with Chairman Heinen, Commissioner Tesoriero and Commissioner Pollock present, along with County Clerk Nicole Lee. Also present for a portion of the work session was Tami Lehmkuhl and Betty Spiker. Topics discussed included employee health insurance brokers, postage machines, the hot meal program, NRP application process, fuel prices, test mile locations, local wage examples, and the chip & seal process. No action was taken. The work session adjourned at 3:34 p.m. The next scheduled work session will be held Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.