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April 15, 2025

The Brown County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 1:15 P.M. in the Brown County Courthouse meeting room with members Chairman Dennis Bauer, Jeremiah Dailey, and Donnie Painter present. Also present were Brown County Clerk Travee Hobbs and Brown County Highway Superintendent (BCHS) Kenny Turpin.

Chairman Bauer acknowledged the Open Meeting Act posted near the entrance to the Meeting Room.

Member Painter led with an opening prayer.

Those in attendance rose and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dailey moved to approve the minutes from the regular Commissioner meeting of April 1, 2025, as officially recorded in Commissioner Book 23. Painter seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

BCHS Turpin gave a road department report. Turpin discussed switching companies for the rental of the skid steer. Currently the county leases through Bobcat, Bobcat is raising its price and have not provided repair services without charging the county for mileage. Turpin plans to use Nebraska Machinery with the new lease price being $100.00 more than last year.

Discussion was held regarding the resolutions directing County Highway Superintendent to perform a road study and setting a public hearing date. The resolution was missing from the previous meeting when the Board directed Turpin to perform the road study.

Bauer moved to approve Resolution 2025 – 18 directing BCHS Turpin to do a road study for the “Harry Johnston County Road” located within Section 34, Twp 25N, R22W. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

No action was taken on the corrective resolution regarding the sheriff equipment purchase. The former resolution had verbiage of a transfer to the sheriff fund. The transfer is not necessary at this time as the Sheriff has the funds already budgeted in his 2910 and 2914 for the project and the remaining funds will be with a government loan program. If at the end of the budget year the Sheriffs Budget was short a transfer would then be necessary.

Discussion was held regarding updating the Board signatures on the Homestead Bank account. With the changing board members, the signature card needs to be updated.

Dailey moved to remove Raymond Small and add Donnie Painter to the Homestead Bank accounts. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding the offering of Aflac as a payroll deduction to employees. At the March 18, 2025, commissioner meeting the offering of Aflac payroll deduction insurance benefits had been discussed. With the county moving forward with the NACO/Alliant Insurance Platform it was determined that the county would no longer offer payroll deducted Aflac. After discussion with Aflac representatives, it was discovered that Aflac is not beneficial on a direct bill method as they are unable to offer the same products and those that are offered are not beneficial.

Bauer moved to rescind the portion of the prior motion that states “ To allow the current employees who are on Aflac payroll deduction to remain in the program if they desire. Any future employees will be direct pay”. Aflac may continue to work with all employees of Brown County. Painter seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The Board discussed the updating of the employee handbook and creating a committee to start the process.

The Board set the handbook committee to consist of Brown County Sheriff, Brent Deibler, BCHS Kenny Turpin, Brown County Commissioner Don Painter, Brown County Veteran Service Officer Jake Graff and Brown County Clerk Travee Hobbs. The committee will work on a rough draft to bring back to the Board and a goal of completion by July 1, 2025.

Painter moved to approve Resolution 2025 – 19 a budgeted transfer of $5,000.00 to be transferred from the Miscellaneous General to the Reappraisal Fund. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

After discussion, Painter moved to approve the claims and the Brown County Clerk's monthly fee report for March of $3,183.49. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence was viewed.

Public Comments were heard.

At 2:00 PM Caleb Johnson was present to discuss current legislative bills in legislation and how they will affect the upcoming Budget.

There was no update from the County Officials.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 P.M.

The next regular meeting of the Brown County Commissioners will be Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 1:15 P.M., Brown County Courthouse, Ainsworth, Nebraska.

This meeting's public notice was published in the Ainsworth Star-Journal, aired on KBRB Radio, and posted at the Brown County Clerk's office, where all agendas and minutes are kept current for public inspection at any time.