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January 6, 2026

The Brown County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 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 (BCC) Travee Hobbs, Brown County Highway Superintendent (BCHS) Kenny Turpin, Brown County Sheriff (BCS) Brent Deibler.

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

Those in attendance rose and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.
Member Painter led with an opening prayer.

Dailey moved to approve the minutes from the regular Commissioner meeting of December 16, 2025, as written and officially recorded in Commissioner Book 23. Painter seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Brown County Veteran Service Officer (BVSO) Jake Graff presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Brown County and Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs. The MOU is regarding the portal the VSO works with.

Bauer moved to approve Resolution #2026 - 1 the MOU between Brown County and Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs. Painter seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Brown County Treasurer (BCT) Bruce Mitchell appeared to discuss the resolution and Board approval to transfer the funds and authorize the BCT to make the payment for the Ambulance Building Bond.

Dailey moved to approve Resolution #2026-2 transferring $52,922.50 from the Ambulance Fund to the Debt Services Ambulance Building Fund and authorize BCT Mitchell to wire the Ambulance Bond payment. Painter seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Bauer moved to approve Resolution #2026 – 3 authorizing the County Treasurer to wire the Ambulance Barn bond payment on January 15, 2026, with the payment being made from Other Debt Services Ambulance Building Fund. Painter seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The Brown County Ambulance Association has applied for and received a grant to replace obsolete defibrillators.

The Board discussed the purchase of two Life-Pac Units, the Brown County Ambulance Association will trade in two obsolete units. Due to the purchase not being budgeted for a budget amendment will be necessary prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Bauer moved to approve Resolution #2026 – 4 authorizing the Brown County Ambulance Association to trade in two obsolete LifePac Defibrillators and to purchase 2

new LifePac Defibrillators which will require the Budget to be amended prior to the end of the fiscal year. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes

BCHS Turpin gave a road department report.

Brown County Sheriff Brent Deibler was present to discuss updating signers on accounts relating to the Brown County Sheriff Office due to staffing change.

The Board discussed removal of Tanya Coles name from any and all accounts associated with the Brown County Sheriff's Office and add Vince Lanas to those accounts.

Bauer moved to remove Tanya Cole from the Homestead Bank accounts, credit cards and any other accounts associated with Brown County Sheriff's Office and add Vincent Lanas to said accounts. Painter seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

BCSO Deibler discussed the Law Enforcement Agreement between Brown and Boyd Counties. The agreement allows cooperating agencies to provide personnel backup and such other assistance as either party may require in time of emergency or other time of need.

Dailey moved to approve Resolution #2026 – 5 Law Enforcement Agreement between Brown and Boyd Counties and authorize Chairman Bauer to sign. Painter seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the effective date of raises given at the previous meeting.

Painter moved to make the raises that were granted at the December 16, 2025, meeting effective January 2, 2026. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

The salaries for the 2027 – 2030 term were decided at the December 16, 2025, meeting. A resolution with the previously approved salaries was presented.

The Board approved Resolution #2026 – 6 setting the elected Official's salaries with no annual increase for the Board of Commissioners. Painter seconded. Roll Call: Bauer Aye, Dailey Nay and Painter Aye, motion carried.

No action was taken on approving the Employee Handbook. The item was placed on the next agenda.

BCC Travis Hobbs presented the ACH Direct Deposit forms with Homestead Bank for the board to review and the Chairman to sign.

Bauer moved to approve the ACH Transmittal Security procedures through Homestead Bank. Painter seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Brown County Weed Superintendent (BCWS) Scott Erthum presented his annual report. The Board acknowledged the report and Chairman Bauer signed the document.

After discussion, Bauer moved to approve the claims. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment were heard.

BCT Mitchell presented to the Board a court order to refund an overpayment of $1,622.28 to the Inheritance Tax Fund.

Bauer moved to authorize BCT Mitchell to refund the petitioner $1,622.28 from the Inheritance Fund regarding case #PR 24-16. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

No action was taken on the KBR Solid Waste Building or the Tuition Reimbursement for Zach Welch. The tuition reimbursement was approved at the previous meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

The next regular meeting of the Brown County Commissioners will be Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 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.