

Brown County Commissioners

Minutes

September 18, 2024 6:00 pm

Present: Jerry Pittman and Ron Sanders. Absent: Blake Wolpert

Jerry Pittman called the meeting to order. Jerry led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation.

**Additions or Changes to the Agenda**

Update on Bell and Bricks

Elkinsville Bridge

Gnawbone Sewer

**Approval of Minutes & Claims**

The Commissioners were provided with an opportunity to review the minutes of the meeting held on September 4, 2024 and the claims prior to the meeting.

**Motion:** to approve the minutes and claims as presented. **Action:** approve. **Moved by** Ron Sanders, **Seconded by** Jerry Pittman. Motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

Blake was absent, Theresa said that the Bell project was approved by the Town of Nashville. Bricks will be available for purchase. Blake will have information at the next meeting.

EMA Sirens – This is still on hold, still looking for funding for the \$39,000.00.

### **County Office/Department Reports (Boards & Committee)**

Brown County Historical Society – requesting funds to help with the Pioneer Village buildings and grounds. Rebecca Patton and Kathy Kazimier spoke, in 2016 the County gave \$25,000.00, they are getting close to the end of that money. There has been damage from birds and bugs to the logs. There are some trees that need to be removed, and they are concerned with water from the street. They are waiting on bids for the repairs. Clara Stanley and Tim Clark spoke on this, Tim said they could use the innkeepers tax for this purpose.

### **Human Resource/Commissioner Admin**

Theresa Cobian gave updates on the 2025 Health Insurance, the Commissioners have signed with Anthem Insurance, leaving SIHO. The deductibles will be a little lower for the employees.

Sycamore Building – We have a quote on a metal roof of \$10,000.00, working on a quote for shingles roof. Metal roofing will last longer, and the insurance will be less.

Rumpke contracts - Mike Moga went over the contract and suggested 3 changes. Rumpke has agreed to the changes, Commissioners will sign the agreements.

Kevin Allen on Gnawbone Sewers. David Hess had called Kevin, they are having problems with the system. The tanks are creating problems, Kevin said it's the system inside the tanks. The tank could be coated. They cannot get help with the fees under \$85.00.

## Highway

Arec provided the Commissioners with an update of the department (attached to minutes). Arec has ordered a small structure package for Hamilton Creek bridge. They have started the road passer ratings with Viatytics software. He has cancelled their contract with Rumpke, Solid Waste has agreed to let them use their dumpsters. Arec is asking that paving be put back on the Go Bond, it has always been on the Bond and this year nothing has been put on for paving.

Tim Ford is asking questions on the # 43 Elkinsville bridge. Arec explained what they are planning to do.

## Legal

Mike Moga gave an update on the railroad crossing. They have heard from INDOT and they approved the extension for 1 year. Will be applying for a Federal grant due Monday. Kevin Allen is helping with the grant and needs to meet with the Commissioners before Monday.

Clara Stanley presented the Commissioners with a letter of intent to be placed on the CVC Board.

## Commissioners

Next Commissioners meeting will be October 2, 2024 at 2:00pm

## Adjournment

**Motion:** to adjourn. **Action:** Adjourn. **Moved by** Ron Sanders,  
**Seconded by** Jerry Pittman. Motion passed unanimously.

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Jerry Pittman, President

Brown County Commissioner

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Blake Wolpert, Vice President

Brown County Commissioner

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Ron Sanders

Brown County Commissioner

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Attest: Julia Reeves

Brown County Auditor

# Brown County Highway Department

## Monthly Update as of September 16<sup>th</sup>

- : We have transferred a truck driver to the open mechanic position
- : We are ordering a bridge package for a small structure on Hamilton Creek. This will be a grated bridge deck with galvanized beams on existing concrete abutments.
- : We are reviewing our 4-year Bridge contract before submitting to INDOT
- : We have teamed up with Clark Dietz for our Community Crossings Grant for 2025
- : We have started our road passer ratings with Vialytics software
- : We have promoted a truck driver to the open grader operator position. We now have two road graders running
- : We are doing our daily tasks, mowing, grading, ditching, pothole patching, weed maintenance around guardrails, bridges and signs
- : We are working on getting our salt spreaders and snow equipment in all working order. We have parts available now for repair
- : Road stripping is almost complete for our new paved roads
- : I have been working on the Highway Department Budget
- : We are looking into products to help with dust control

Arec Burton  
Highway Superintendent