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HHS Royalty

Homecoming King Tavvion Kahbeah escorted by Shayleen Kahbeah, Homecoming Queen Piper Chartier escorted by Kallen Madison. Crowned by 2023 King Chandler Newman and 2023 Queen Maggie Heinen and HHS Cheerleaders Kennedy Stevens and Dacey Callahan.



The HHS Charger Band got the pep rally started with football fight songs.



One of the floats in the parade was "Roast the Trojans".



It was a perfect day for a pep rally on the Four Corners Friday afternoon. The cheerleaders led several cheers to get everyone in the mood for the Homecoming festivities.



Pictured Front row: Joni Hackney, Susan Higley and Deanna Higley. Back row, left to right: Lynda Ross, Lisa Becker, Janiece Huntley, Shari Oswald, Beth Jensen, Renee George, Helen Ashton, Becky Broom and Lisa Rettle.

HHS Volleyball Pink Out

On Tuesday, Sept. 24, the HHS volleyball team invited cancer survivors, those receiving treatments for breast cancer and those in memory of someone they lost to breast cancer.

The volleyball team members escorted those present around the gym as everyone clapped and waved in their support. There was not a dry eye in the group.

Thank you volleyball team members and coach Kristen Fassnacht for a wonderful evening that we will never forget.

USD 430 School Board minutes

Unofficial minutes

By Clerk Melanie Schmitt

South Brown County, USD 430 held a regular Board of Education meeting Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 6p.m.

5:50 PM - RNR Hearing

Present: Jason Selland, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Sarah Stirton, and, Jon Boller.

Dr. Kramer explained that we will not be exceeding the RNR this year. We have a balance in our LOB that has helped us be able to stay flat with our mills this year.

Motion by Sarah Stirton to adjourn the RNR Hearing at 5:54 PM. Seconded by Rex Lockwood. Motion passed 5-0.

5:55 PM - 2024-25 Budget Hearing

Present: Jason Selland, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Sarah Stirton, Kate Ross, and, Jon Boller.

Motion by Shelby Rice to adjourn the Budget Hearing at 5:58 PM. Seconded by Sarah Stirton. Motion passed 6-0.

6:00 PM Regular Board Meeting

Opening Items

Meeting called to order by President Jason Selland at 6:00 PM

Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance led by Jason Selland

Roll Call - Present: Jason Selland, Rex Lockwood, Shelby Rice, Sarah Stirton, Jon Boller and Kate Ross. Jim

Becker arrived at 6:25pm.

Others: Superintendent Dr. Rebecca Kramer, Board Clerk Melanie Schmitt, HES Principal Dawn Chase, EMS Principal Travis Torkelson, HHS Principal Larry Mills, Transportation Dir. Damon Bowen, Maint. Dir. Austin Lovelady and Sp. Ed Dir. Becky Shamburg.

Public Relations

A. Board Comments - Jason Selland attended the elementary family night and appreciates all the staff who put the work in for those events. It was a good turnout.

B. Public Comments - None

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

B. Bills

C. Treasurer Reports

D. Textbook Waivers - 16 Free/11

Reduced \$1290

E. Substitute Pay - Sub Cook

\$13.00, Sub Custodian \$14.00

F. Resignations:

Gini Collins, Spanish Teacher for

23 years will retire at the end of the

24-25 school year.

Laura Rodvelt JOM Assistant Tu-

tor resigned as of Sept 13th.

G. New Hire Recommendations:

Libby Wilson, EMS JOM Asst.

Tutor - Start Sept. 16th.

Katie Purvis, HES Part-Time Custodian - Start Aug. 26th.

Don Camblin, Substitute

Custodian. Motion by Rex Lockwood to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Shelby Rice. Motion passed 6-0.

Special Presentations

A. 23-24 Financial Audit Presentation

Jessica Lindsley of Varney's and Associates presented the 2023-24 financial audit to the board members via Zoom. The auditors had no adjustments or matters to discuss.

B. George Bruning - Presented a

Donation of \$500 to each building principal from the Everest Christian Church for students' needs.

Motion by Sarah Stirton to accept the donation from Everest Christian Church. Seconded by Kate Ross. Motion passed 6-0.

Reports

A. Superintendent Report

B. Administrator Reports can be found within the agenda of this board meeting

Jim Becker arrived at 6:25 PM

C. Special Education Report - Minutes can be found within the agenda of this board meeting

Discussion Items

A. Student Achievement- Fall Benchmark Data

Robyn Allen updated the board on the fall benchmark student achieve-

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Brown County Commissioners

Unofficial minutes

By Clerk Nikki Lee

September 16, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

The Board of Brown County Commissioners met in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Richard Lehmkuhl, Lamar Shoemaker and William Pollock. Also present was Brown County Clerk, Nicole Lee. County Attorney, Kevin Hill, was present for a portion of the meeting. Richard Lehmkuhl opened the meeting at 8:10 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Lehmkuhl led the meeting with a prayer.

8:10 A.M. COUNTY PERSONNEL / PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment

Tom Gudenkauf, P&J Solid Waste Management, was present to express concerns about the new holiday and Saturday schedule at the Brown County Landfill that was approved at last meeting.

Executive Session

Richard Lehmkuhl requested a 10 minute executive session. Motion by Lamar Shoemaker for a 10 minute Executive Session on non-elected personnel with the three commissioners, Emergency Management, Don Pounds, and Brown County Clerk, Nicole Lee, present to discuss

personnel matters of non-elected personnel with an executive session necessary to protect privacy interests. Seconded by William Pollock. Closed 8:25 a.m. Opened 8:35 a.m. No binding action was taken.

Solid Waste

Don Pounds presented an updated holiday schedule for the landfill. The remaining 2024 holidays for the landfill would be:

Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve will close at noon and Christmas Day.

Motion by William Pollock to approve the landfill holiday schedule as presented. Seconded by Lamar Shoemaker. Motion carried.

Motion by Lamar Shoemaker to request the County Counselor to draft a contract for the hauling of waste to HAMM with the contract ending April 1, 2025. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

Motion by Richard Lehmkuhl to make the following personnel changes: Don Pounds will be Emergency Management/Solid Waste Director with an annual salary of \$56,000. Richard Rodvelt, Noxious Weed Director, will receive monthly extra pay of \$350 for additional duties at the Solid Waste C&D Pit.

Heather Merrill moves from Solid Waste Director to the position of Solid Waste Operator IV. Brandon Rader, Solid Waste Operator V to Solid Waste Operator VII. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried. Commissioner Shoemaker voted nay.

8:30 A.M. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Vicki Hubin and Chris Denner, Community Corrections, presented the commission with the agency's FY2025 Carryover Reimbursements Plan.

Motion by Lamar Shoemaker to approve the Adult and Juvenile Community Corrections FY2025 Carryover Reimbursements Plans. Seconded by William Pollock. Motion carried.

ITEMS TO CONSIDER, APPROVE AND SIGN

MINUTES 09-09-2024 (MOTION)

Motion by Lamar Shoemaker to approve the September 9, 2024, minutes with one correction. Seconded by William Pollock.

Motion carried.

BROWN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (MOTION)

The commission was presented with the Brown County Comprehensive Plan as approved by the Planning Commission.

Additional concerns and changes will be sent to the Planning Commission.

NOXIOUS WEED TRUCK

Motion by William Pollock to purchase a used 2020 Ford F350 Sprayer Truck from Shawnee County for \$48,000.00 and a \$700 transaction fee to Enterprise for a total of

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Brown County District Court

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CRIMINAL

First appearance hearing on Alexandria D. Roulston has been scheduled for Oct. 30. She is charged with possession of methamphetamine, drug severity level 5 felony, possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

First appearance hearing on Torrid Lee Nauss, II, has been rescheduled for Oct. 9. He is charged with possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor; possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor; and improper registration, an unclassified misdemeanor.

First appearance hearing on Massey Danielle Lafferty has been rescheduled for Oct. 9. He is charged with possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor; possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor; and speeding, a traffic infraction.

Arraignment on Jason Braddock, Powhattan, KS., was scheduled for

Oct. 7. He is charged with possession of methamphetamine, a drug severity level 5 felony and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

Sentencing on Cameron J. Mirrione, Alden, NY., was held and has been continued to Oct. 21. He is charged with fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, a level 9 felony; possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor; possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor; and racing on highways, a class C nonperson misdemeanor.

Arraignment on Amanda Anne Brubaker, Lawrence, KS., was held and has been continued to Oct. 23. She is charged with possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

Preliminary hearing on Leandra Gutierrez, Horton, KS., was held and has been continued to Oct. 23. She is charged with possession of methamphetamine, a drug severity level 5 felony; possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misde-

meanor; possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

Diversion hearing on David Richard Johnson, Hiawatha, KS., was scheduled for Oct. 23. He is charged with possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

Preliminary hearing on Jamie Lynn Long, Horton, KS., was held and has been continued to Nov. 13. He is charged with possession of methamphetamine, a drug severity level 5 felony; possession of marijuana, a class B nonperson misdemeanor; and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

Hearing on Trisha Anne Jordan, Hiawatha, KS., was held and has been continued to Oct. 23. She is charged with possession of marijuana, a class A nonperson misdemeanor and possession of drug paraphernalia, a class B nonperson misdemeanor.

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