

April 13, 2026

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. County Counselor Austin Parker was present for a portion of the meeting. Commissioner Heinen opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a prayer led by Pastor Ron Stair.

COUNTY PERSONNEL / PUBLIC COMMENT

Lions Club

President of the Hiawatha Lions Club, Ron Stair, was present to give an update on the proposed environmental project to celebrate Earth Day.

Motion by Commissioner Heinen to approve planting a London Planetree on the south side of the Courthouse lawn on April 23, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Tesoriero. Motion carried.

MINUTES 04-06-2026

Motion by Commissioner Tesoriero to approve April 6, 2026 minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Pollock. Motion carried.

A/P 04-13-2026

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

The April 13, 2026, claims were approved as follows: Motion by Commissioner Pollock to approve accounts payable. Seconded by Commissioner Tesoriero. Motion carried.

001 General	\$51,562.78
103 Road & Bridge	25,895.25
125 Employee Benefits	106.20
127 Election	882.98
143 Appraiser	419.45
147 Noxious Weed	61.56
155 Diversion	291.44
160 911 SB50	108.08
165 ACC	2,635.69
167 JJCR	2,657.93
201 Services for Elderly	6,568.62
211 Solid Waste	64,253.00
TOTAL	\$155,442.98

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE

Motion by Commissioner Heinen to approve Occupational License #26-003 for Roberts BBQ dba County Cabin. Seconded by Commissioner Tesoriero. Motion carried.

PROPERTY USE AGREEMENTS

The Commission was presented with the following two Internal Property Use Agreements from the Extension Office for use of the Courthouse outside normal business hours:

- Brown County Extension Office Board Meeting April 29, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
- Brown County Extension Office to conduct interviews April 27-28, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Heinen to approve the two agreements. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tesoriero. Motion carried.

TAX CHANGE ORDERS

Tax Change Orders 2025-079 through 2025-081 were signed and approved.

END OF MONTH REPORTS

The Commission reviewed the March 2026 end-of-month summary reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:32 p.m. Commissioner Heinen made a motion to recess into a 10-minute executive session for the purpose of interviewing an applicant for the Landfill Assistant position and protecting the privacy interests of non-elected personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the Commissioner’s Room at 1:42 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tesoriero. Motion carried. County Clerk, County Counselor, and the applicant remained present. The meeting returned to regular session at 1:42 p.m. with no action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:46 p.m. Commissioner Heinen made a motion to recess into a 10-minute executive session for the purpose of interviewing an applicant for the Road and Bridge Crewman position and protecting the privacy interests of non-elected personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the Commissioner’s Room at 1:56 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tesoriero. Motion carried. County Clerk, County Counselor, and the applicant remained present. The meeting returned to regular session at 1:56 p.m. with no action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:01 p.m. Commissioner Heinen made a motion to recess into a 15-minute executive session for the purpose of discussing the duties of non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy interests of the employee, with the meeting to be called back to order in the Commissioner’s Room at 2:16 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pollock. Motion carried. Road and Bridge Foreman Jerry Hisle and County Clerk remained present. The meeting returned to regular session at 2:16 p.m. with no action taken.

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Motion by Commissioner Heinen to extend the executive session for an additional 5 minutes until 2:22 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tesoriero. Motion carried. The meeting returned to regular session at 2:22 p.m. with no action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:24 p.m. Commissioner Heinen made a motion to recess into a 15-minute executive session for the purpose of interviewing an applicant for potential engagement of Emergency Management services and protecting the privacy interests of non-elected personnel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the Commissioner's Room at 2:39 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tesoriero. Motion carried. County Clerk, County Counselor, and the applicant remained present. The meeting returned to regular session at 2:39 p.m. with no action taken.

Motion by Commissioner Heinen to extend the executive session for an additional 10 minutes until 2:50 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tesoriero. Motion carried. The meeting returned to regular session at 2:50 p.m. with no action taken.

RECESS

At 2:51 p.m. Commissioner Heinen made a motion to recess regular session until 2:56 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Tesoriero. Motion carried. Commissioner Heinen reconvened the meeting at 2:56 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:00 p.m. Commissioner Heinen made a motion to recess into a 5-minute executive session for the purpose of discussing the Emergency Management Coordinator position duties and pay of non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy interests of the employee, with the meeting to be called back to order in the Commissioner's Room at 3:10 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tesoriero. Motion carried. County Clerk and County Counselor remained present. The meeting returned to regular session at 3:10 p.m. with no action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:11 p.m. Commissioner Heinen made a motion to recess into a 15-minute executive session for the purpose of discussing potential legal liability and protecting Attorney-Client privilege with legal counsel, with the meeting to be called back to order in the Commissioner's Room at 3:26 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pollock. Motion carried. County Counselor Austin Parker remained. The meeting returned to regular session at 3:26 p.m. with no action taken.

RESOLUTION 2026-14

The Commission was presented with a resolution establishing the procedure for applying payments on the most delinquent property taxes first. Motion by Commissioner Heinen to adopt Resolution 2026-14 Establishing the Application of Payments on Delinquent Property Taxes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tesoriero. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-15

The Commission was presented with a resolution to abate dormant personal property taxes more than 20 years old and deemed uncollectible. Motion by Commissioner Tesoriero to adopt Resolution 2026-15 a Resolution Declaring Certain Delinquent Personal Property Taxes to be Dormant and Uncollectible, Pursuant to K.S.A. 79-2101. Motion seconded by Commissioner Heinen. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-16

The Commission was presented with a resolution for the handling of refunding overpayments of \$5.00 or less. Motion by Commissioner Pollock to adopt Resolution 2026-16 Setting a Refund Policy for the Overpayment of Fees Paid to County Offices. Motion seconded by Commissioner Tesoriero. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:36 p.m. Commissioner Heinen made a motion to recess into a 10-minute executive session for the purpose of discussing the pay of non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy interests of the employees, with the meeting to be called back to order in the Commissioner's Room at 3:46 p.m. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pollock. Motion carried. County Counselor Austin Parker and County Clerk remained present. The meeting returned to regular session at 3:46 p.m. with no action taken.

Motion by Commissioner Heinen to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Tesoriero. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:49 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, April 20, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.