Brown Co Commission organizes for 2024 (KNZA)---The Brown County Commission has organized for the new year.

During their annual organizational meeting Monday, the Commission approved a resolution appointing 1st District Commissioner Rich Lehmkuhl as board chairman for 2024. He replaces Bill Pollock who served a chairman for 2023.

The Commission approved a resolution designating The Hiawatha World as the official county newspaper for 2024. That came after the Commission accepted the low bid submitted by the newspaper for the publication of legal notices in the amount of \$2.25 a column inch. The Horton Headlight, which served as the official county newspaper last year, had submitted a bid for \$2.75 a column inch.

The Commission also approved a resolution designating the Citizens State Bank and Trust Company, Morrill and Janes State Bank—a division of Bank of Blue Valley—and GN Bank as the official 2024 Brown County banks for checking and investments.

In other business, the board approved a contract with BG Consultants to provide preliminary engineering services for a rehabilitation project on 270th Road from the U.S. 75 interchange to Coyote Road in the amount of \$25,000. The county has been awarded a grant to help fund the project. Bid letting for the project is to take place this year, with actually construction slated for 2025.

The Commission also approved seeking bids for the repair of a bridge located near the intersection of Nighthawk and 220th Roads.

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