

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
May 28, 2019

Office of the Ottawa County Clerk
8:00 a.m.
Regular Session

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session with First District Commissioner Dawn Wolf, Second District Commissioner James P. Kay, Third District Commissioner Karen S. Brumbaugh, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

Commissioner Kay opened the meeting in prayer then led the group in the flag salute.

Vouchers were approved.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to go into executive session at 8:03 a.m. for fifteen minutes for attorney/client matters. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Richard Buck, County Counselor. They returned to regular session at 8:18 a.m. No decision was made. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to go into executive session at 8:22 a.m. for ten minutes for attorney/client matters. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Richard Buck, County Counselor. They returned to regular session at 8:32 a.m. Richard will research the matter and respond to the Minneapolis Housing Authority Director.

Randy Gruber, and Judith Swagerty, Fire District #4 Bennington, presented the 2020 budget for consideration. Randy discussed the radio antenna that is needing attention. The commissioners said they would talk to Sheriff Coleman.

Samantha Davis, Museum Curator, and John Carson, Museum Board Member, presented the 2020 budget for consideration.

Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk, gave the commissioners a request to vacate a road and alley, described as follows, requested by Yvette Trahan: A tract of land beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 12, Block 1, Town of South Ada, Ottawa County, Kansas, thence running West 80 feet; thence South 300 feet; thence East 80 feet; thence North 300 feet to the point of beginning, the same being that portion of Coats Street lying South of Miller Avenue in the Town of South Ada, Kansas; And A tract of land beginning at the Northwest corner of Lot 1, Block 1, Town of South Ada, Ottawa County, Kansas, thence running West 20 feet; thence South 300 feet; thence East 20 feet; thence North 300 feet to the point of beginning, the same being the alley running North and South thru Block 1, Town of South Ada, Kansas. Commissioner Wolf moved to accept Resolution 19-10, advising that the above described road and alley might be suitable for vacating. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Kay signed the Notice of Award to Stevens Contractors Inc., for the 2019 Sanitary Sewer Improvements at the County Shop.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, presented 2020 budgets for consideration. Greg reported on what crews were doing. Greg updated the commissioners on the flooding.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, brought up a Resolution and Proclamation declaring Ottawa County in a State of Local Disaster Emergency. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to approve Resolution 19-11 and Proclamation declaring Ottawa County in a State of Local Disaster Emergency. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion

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carried, 3-0. Marie reported on flooding in the county.

Brandon Cochran, and Judith Swagerty, Bennington Ambulance Service, presented the 2020 budget for consideration. Brandon and Judith discussed transferring funds from the Capital Outlay/Equipment Reserve fund back to the General Fund of the ambulance fund to cover expenses. Commissioner Wolf moved to allow Ottawa County Fire District #4 Bennington to transfer funds from the Capital Outlay/Equipment Reserve fund to the General fund to cover expenses. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 16 and Ottawa County 8. Keith reported on conversations with the architect and the project supervisor on items that have come up with the jail remodeling project. The commissioners asked Keith about the antenna that Bennington Fire Department asked about. Keith explained what the issue is and said that he will get with Ka-Comm again.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, and Judith Swagerty presented 2020 budgets for consideration.

Mike Smith, Fire Department #2 Minneapolis, presented the 2020 budget for consideration.

Jeremiah Van Doren, Fire Department #6 Tescott, presented the 2020 budget for consideration.

Kim Webb, Fire Department #5 Culver Secretary/Treasurer, and Lou Ann Inscho, Culver City Clerk, presented the 2020 budget for consideration.

The commissioners recessed at 11:27 a.m., until 1:00 p.m.

At 1:00 p.m., the commissioners met with Dave Sweat, and Ed Wright, Minneapolis City Council Members. Dave said that everyone is aware that the City of Minneapolis office is leaving their current building, and everyone concerned needs to come up with a plan for the building, regarding Fire Department #2 Minneapolis. Dave said that the existing contract doesn't fit any longer, and Dave gave the commissioners a letter, terminating the contract. Commissioner Brumbaugh said that she has talked to Mike Smith, Fire Department #2 Chief, and the fire department would like the City of Minneapolis to deed the building over to the Fire Department. Dave wanted ideas on how to proceed on, where everyone can work together. The group agreed that safety for the City is the main concern. Next steps: Dave wants the contract simplified, the City to pay their share, and to have fire protection. Commissioner Kay will talk with Mike Smith, Fire Chief.

With no other business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 1:35 p.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.