

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session with Commissioner James P Kay, Commissioner Kathy M Luthi, Commissioner Karen Brumbaugh, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

Commissioner Kay opened the meeting in the flag salute and prayer.

For the record, after looking at roads and bridges of the county last week, the commissioners returned to regular session at 3:00 p.m. They then met with Jason Parks, County Attorney, to discuss legal matters. The meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

The annual township reports of Culver, Concord, and Fountain Townships were examined and confirmed.

Payroll and vouchers were approved.

Commissioner Luthi moved to give \$200 to Bennington After Prom, from the Drug & Alcohol fund. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.

Abatement's were approved.

Jason Parks, County Attorney, stopped in and the commissioners gave him a letter to look over that they received. Jason will give the letter to the Sheriff.

Brandon Cochran, Bennington, was an observer.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. The group discussed the curve on Limestone Road. Commissioner Kay said that he went out and walked it and didn't think it would take much ground. John thought they should contact a surveyor first. The commissioners agreed. The commissioners asked John to contact adjacent landowners, EMS, fire, township officers, and a notice will be published in the Minneapolis Messenger, to meet February 20, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the basement meeting room to discuss the Pieschl bridge options. John will get letters out.

Sandy Spani, Health/Aging Administrator, and Trisha Smith, RN, brought in an amended agreement with KDHE for public health, which the commissioners signed. Sandy and Trisha discussed Hospice with the board. They went over the guidelines to operate Hospice. Over the past few years, this has changed drastically. Sandy and Trisha went over the players they need to operate the Hospice program, and the time that it will take to get up to speed. With the requirements that are needed, it will take just too much for the staff. Commissioner Luthi moved to go into executive session at 9:57 a.m. for fifteen minutes to discuss student, patient, or resident matters. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried. Those present were the commissioners, Sandy, Trisha, and Jason Parks, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 10:12 a.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to go back into executive session at 10:12 a.m. for five minutes for same reason. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. Those present were the commissioners, Sandy, Trisha, and Jason. They returned to regular session at 10:17 a.m. No decision was made.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Sedgwick County 7, Ottawa County 4, Saline County 1, and KDOC 1. Keith reported he would be sending a few employees to training. Keith almost has the new server data converted. Keith reported on overtime the last pay period. The group discussed a case that the commissioners received a letter on.

Commissioner Luthi moved to go into executive session at 10:46 a.m. for ten minutes to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried. Those present were the commissioners, and Jason Parks, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 10:56 a.m. No decision was made.

The commissioners signed two agreements relative to performing certain work and/or the occupancy of the County's highway right-of-way facilities of a utility between Idea Tek Systems, Inc., and Ottawa County.

Commissioner Luthi moved to appoint David Casper, and Steve Haley for a three year term and Brian Breese to replace Lyle Tinkler for a three year term for Ottawa County Rural Fire District #4. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Luthi moved to accept the amended bylaws for Ottawa County Rural Fire

District #4 as presented. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Luthi moved to appoint Commissioner Kay to the Ottawa County Health Planning Commission board as the county commissioner representative. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.

Mary Wilson, Minneapolis Messenger, stopped in and asked for an update on the bridges. The commissioners informed her of the upcoming meeting on February 20, 2013, for the Pieschl bridge. Commissioner Kay said a letter would be going out. Then they would address other bridges, one at a time, with the same procedure at future times.

The commissioners signed the bridge inspection and engineering services contracts with E.E.S. LLC.

The minutes of January 28, 2013, were read and approved.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.