Minutes of Proceeding Ottawa County Board of Commissioners March 9, 2009 Office of the County Clerk 8:00 a.m. Regular Session

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McGavran.

The official minutes of March 2, 2009, were approved and signed.

Abatements were approved.

Rory Tillett, Emergency Management Coordinator, met with the board and Commissioner Luthi moved to extend the burn ban another seven days. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Rory also talked to the commissioners about putting burn restrictions on, after the burn ban is lifted. Rory informed the board on the weather spotter training coming up and the foreign animal disease training coming up.

Commissioner Luthi moved to give \$200 to Tescott High School After-Prom 2009, from the Alcohol & Drug fund. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Luthi moved to sign the purchase order with John Deere Construction/Murphy Tractor for the 2009 wheel loader. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count Sedgwick County 21, Johnson County 5, Ottawa County 2, and Minneapolis City 1. Keith said that he had an air conditioning unit that had a hole in the compressor. It should be under warranty.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, discussed what crews were doing.

Sandy Cline, Health/Aging Department, came in and updated the commissioners on staff. Sandy went over services for the department, and grant funding.

At 11:00 a.m., the commissioners held a department head meeting. Those present were Mary Arganbright, County Clerk, Sandy Cline, Health/Aging Department, Marilyn Heck, Register of Deeds, Diane McKain, Deputy Appraiser, Pat Baccus, County Treasurer, Cherryl Adams, Clerk of the District Court, Betty Mick, County Attorney, Ken Stelter, Custodian, Keith Coleman, Sheriff, Rory Tillett, Emergency Management, John Copple, Highway Administrator, Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed, and Ron Seyfert, Extension Agent. Commissioner McGavran informed the group that budgets are more than likely going to get tight for next year. Hiring freezes, and wage freezes were brought up. The group attended a safety meeting on Severe Weather Awareness.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.