

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
March 19, 2018

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

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

Pastor Michelle McHenry opened the meeting in prayer, then Commissioner Brumbaugh led the group in the flag salute.

The Annual Township Report of Sherman Township was examined and confirmed by the commissioners.

Mary Arganbright, County Clerk, discussed attending a meeting last week that the Secretary of State's office was at, and security was visited about at length. She has visited with a computer company on different services they provide and will report back to the commissioners.

Mary Arganbright, citizen of Minneapolis, visited with the commissioners, specifically with Commissioner Kay. She asked Commissioner Kay about his attendance at the City of Minneapolis Council Meeting, last Tuesday March 13, 2018, where he addressed the council about the flood plain issue at the fairgrounds, and the possibility of the City of Minneapolis annexing an area where the existing bathroom is. Mary asked where the decision was in the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners meeting minutes, that it was decided that he address the Council on behalf of the County. Commissioner Kay said that he wasn't there on behalf of the commissioners. Mary said that on the video of the meeting, that he did not indicate that, and that at the end of the meeting, he said for the City of Minneapolis Attorney get with the County Attorney. That sounded to Mary like he was making a decision for the county. If he was there as a citizen, a citizen would not advise for the two attorneys to get together. Mary indicated that according to the official minutes of the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners, March 12, 2018, that it was decided that Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, continue conversation with Barry Hodges, City of Minneapolis Administrator. The minutes did not say for Commissioner Kay to attend the Council meeting on behalf of the county commissioners. One other question Mary asked Commissioner Kay to verify was, at the Election of 2016, did Commissioner Kay go around the Delphos area and promise voters that he would get their bridge fixed if they would vote for him? Commissioner Kay said no, he did not. Mary thanked the commissioners for their time.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, met with the commissioners and Commissioner Brumbaugh asked what kind of security on computers here department has. Sara said that the standard firewalls. It was decided to have a company come out and do an evaluation on security at the Health/Aging department. Sara reported on several Aging Department items, including the procedure of getting rid of a bus that is no longer needed. Sara updated the commissioners on what programs and projects the Health Department is doing.

Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Shannon discussed how his office does bridge project calculations for final costs. Shannon said that he attended a Risk and Liability class last week. He thought it would be good for the whole Road & Bridge department to hear the presentation.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, and Deputy Sheriff Tyler VanCoevern, met with the commissioners and Deputy VanCoevern explained the Emergency Response Training that he will be conducting for county employees. It was decided to conduct the training May 21, 2018, beginning at 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Because of the nature of the training,

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it was decided to close the courthouse for the training that afternoon.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 46, and Ottawa County 5. Keith updated the board on drawings they all had received from Archetype Design Group on the jail remodeling. Keith said that some carpeting needs replaced at the jail. Keith reported on job applications he has received.

Matt Dixon, Custodian, said that Glass Services, Inc., Salina, did come last Friday to look at the windows. There are others interested, but he hasn't got all the estimates yet. The commissioners said to wait until he has all of them.

Richard Buck, County Attorney, visited with the commissioners about rejoining the Kansas County & District Attorney Association. He said that the county has been a member in the past, and there are funds available for training, that can't be used, unless you are a member. Richard discussed the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement that the County Appraiser gave him to look over for purchasing of a copier. Richard said that his recommendation to the board is to not sign it. It is an agreement governed by Texas law, not Kansas. Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, joined the group. Truette explained that the company is out of Salina, but the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, is a company from Texas. Truette said that he hasn't received all the quotes yet for a replacement copier that most of the offices use. Truette went through the features of several brands and asked the commissioners where they would like for the price to end up. It was decided to get key personnel that uses the copier and go to sites and see demos of several machines.

Commissioner Luthi moved to sign the Supplemental Agreement No. 1, to Agreement No. 173-16, received from the Kansas Department of Transportation for the Federal Funds Exchange Program. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.