

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.

An abatement was approved.

Mary Arganbright, County Clerk, visited with the commissioners about the fact that Microsoft is going to quit supporting Microsoft XP operating system. The upgrade to Windows 7, could run approximately \$669. Computer Solutions, Inc., had provided a quote for services, or just going to new computers would be approximately be \$300-\$400 more and we would have a 3 year warranty. Each department can decide on their own.

The 2012 annual report of Ottawa, and Henry Townships was examined and confirmed by the commissioners.

Vouchers were approved.

Commissioner Luthi moved to appoint Leland Davis as Grant Township Clerk to fulfill the unexpired term of Leo Whitley. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.

The commissioners re-appointed Frank Cole, and John Pruitt as Non-Lawyer Members to the Judicial Nominating Commission.

The commissioners held a department head meeting at 8:30 a.m. Those present were Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, Pat Baccus, County Treasurer, Marilyn Heck, Register of Deeds, Mary Arganbright, County Clerk, Jason Parks, County Attorney, Jettie Condray, Museum Curator, Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, Diane McKain, Deputy Appraiser, Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, John Copple, Highway Administrator, Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, and Ken Stelter, Custodian. Commissioner

Kay mentioned the raises that went out beginning January 2014, and that Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director has gone to full-time. Jason Parks, County Attorney, discussed the revised comp time policy that is now the same for everyone. He talked about the drug and alcohol testing policies, and suggests that all county employees be put on the policy. He discussed the time clock, and time sheets, and said that all employees need to sign off on their time sheets, before the department head approves them. Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, said that the Emergency Operations Plan has been approved by the State, and if someone wants a copy, to let her know.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. At 9:00 a.m., the commissioners opened proposals for washed chips. Bayer Construction Company, Inc., \$15.25/ton; APAC-Kansas Shears Division, \$25.40/ton. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to accept the proposal from APAC, as they priced ½” washed chips, and Bayer quoted 3/8” so their proposal was not any good. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. John gave the board a utility agreement from D S & O Cooperative to bury electric line on 50<sup>th</sup> and Sunset Road, in Sheridan Township. The commissioners signed the agreement. John gave the commissioners proposals on heaters at the shop. Comfort Heating & Air, \$15,200; Systems 4 Inc., \$12,500; and Griffin’s, \$16,820. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to accept the proposal from Comfort Heating & Air, LLC, for \$15,200 for 5-130,000 BTU 4 feet York heaters. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, with Commissioner Luthi abstaining.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, brought up the Emergency Operations Plan for the commissioners to sign. The plan was approved by the State. Commissioner Luthi moved to pass Resolution 14-04, adopting the Ottawa County Emergency Operations Plan. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Luthi moved to adopt the Promulgation for the Ottawa County Emergency Operations Plan.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Director, and Mark Johnson, Sellers Equipment, talked to the commissioners about the trade-in of a new Kubota. Mark gave the board information on a 2013 Kubota RTV 1100. Mark said that because of the excellent care of Kenny’s existing 2010 Kubota, Sellers could offer a \$13,000 trade-in on the 2013 Kubota, making

the trade-in difference of \$4,988. (2013 Kubota \$17,988, less trade-in of \$13,000, \$4,988 difference). There was no decision made at this time. Kenny discussed his computer issues, and he has Windows XP, on two computers, and needs to be upgraded. He is going to get some more information on what he needs to do with his laptop.

Pat Baccus, County Treasurer, Marilyn Heck, Register of Deeds, and Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, came in and voiced their concerns and reasons they did not feel the drug & alcohol testing policy should apply to everyone.

Prisoner count was reported at Ottawa County 5, and Saline County 19.

The commissioners adjourned the meeting, to attend a meeting with the Lincoln County Commissioners in Lincoln County.

The minutes of January 27, 2014, were read and approved.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.