

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
June 29, 2015

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

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

Commissioner Brumbaugh led the group in prayer and the flag salute.

At 8:00 a.m., the commissioners held board of canvass for the Mail Ballot Election, June 23, 2015, for USD #239 and USD #240. Commissioner Luthi moved to declare the June 23, 2015, Mail Ballot Election valid, after reviewing all documentation. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, stopped in and talked to the commissioners about his employee's time being short for June. He explained why, and the commissioners said the next time he needs to go to the County Clerk's office to fill out FMLA papers.

Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 8:35 a.m. for five minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. Those present were the commissioners, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright. They returned to regular session at 8:40 a.m. No decision was made.

Vouchers and payroll were approved.

Pat Baccus, County Treasurer, and JoDee Copple, Treasurer office, gave the board a list of outstanding checks that haven't been cashed for 2011 and 2012. Commissioner Luthi moved to authorize the treasurer's office to write-off outstanding checks for 2011 and 2012. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Pat and JoDee reported that they hired Missy Witt to fill the vacancy left when JoDee takes over as County Treasurer.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing.

Prisoner count was reported at Saline County 34, and Ottawa County 4.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, Shawn Homan, and Trevor Fuller, Minneapolis Housing Authority, and Jody Parks, Ottawa County Health Center Administrator, met with the board to discuss the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant (PDM). The Minneapolis Housing Authority and Ottawa County Health Center both are going to submit an application for the grant, 75% State, 25% matching. It is for storm shelter facilities. Ottawa County can only apply for two, and both school districts dropped out. There are only three applications in the State of Kansas that will be awarded. Marie reported that she was contacted by the State to do a letter of withdrawal from the May-June 2015 preliminary damage assessment for FEMA reimbursement. This is because of the prior FEMA projects still going on and not all of the previous damages have been fixed yet.

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The minutes of June 29, 2015, were approved and signed.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.