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 Kathy M Luthi, Commissioner Karen Brumbaugh, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

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

Vouchers were approved.

Lou Weis, visited with the commissioners about the VFW concession stand at the fairgrounds. They would like to tear down the old concession stand and move a new one in, and she was seeking permission from the commissioners. The commissioners will discuss it and let her know.

The commissioners signed Resolution 13-12, advising that the following road in Ottawa County, Kansas, might be suitable for closing, as requested by Tom Barrett Sr., Solomon, Ks.: A tract of land in Section 9 and in Section 10, in Township 12 South, Range 1 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Ottawa County, Kansas, commencing at a point on the South right-of-way line of Kansas Highway K-18 where said highway crosses the section line between said Sections 9 and 10; running thence West along said South right-of-way line of Kansas Highway K-18 a distance of 25 feet; thence South and parallel to the East Section line of said Section 9 to the North line of Dove Road, now vacated a distance of 50 feet to a point 25 feet East of the West line of said Section 10; thence North and parallel to the West line of said Section 10 to a point on the South right-of-way line of Kansas Highway K-18; thence West along the South right-of-way line of Kansas Highway K-18 a distance of 270<sup>th</sup> Road, Ottawa County, Kansas lying South of the right-of-way of Kansas Highway K-18 and North of Dove Road.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, brought in a disaster declaration for the commissioners to sign. The commissioners signed Resolution 13-13 and Proclamation, proclaiming a State of Local Disaster Emergency from July 22, 2013 to August 16, 2013. Marie informed the board that the National Weather Service in Topeka would be honoring Melba Bruce on October 10, 2013, with The Thomas Jefferson Award for her volunteer service since March of 1984.

Allen Brown, Road Foreman, came in and reported on what crews were doing. The group discussed several roads.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Sedgwick County 52, Ottawa County 1, Saline County 6, and Arkansas 1. Keith reported all the vehicles have been repaired from the hail damage. The fire marshall did an inspection last week and two minor issues have been taken care of.

The commissioners left the meeting at 10:00 a.m., to the basement of the courthouse to hear Senator Pat Roberts speak.

Sara Hodges, Ottawa County Health Department Administrator, met with the board and discussed an upcoming meeting. Commissioner Luthi moved to go into executive session at 11:30 a.m. for two minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried. Those present were Sara, and Mary Arganbright, County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 11:32 a.m. No decision was made.

Steve Carlson, Minneapolis, stopped in and asked how much the Noxious Weed new building cost. The commissioners said between 124,000 and 145,000. The commissioners said that the funds came from a Noxious Weed Capital Outlay fund that has had funds built up for years. Commissioner Luthi explained that the design of the old building and over the years the smell of the chemical is in the office and on paperwork as the office is combined where the chemical has to be stored, and the safety concern of the employees. Steve indicated that he has not seen much done within the county on spraying nor mowing getting done.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, came in and the commissioners signed Resolution 13-14, authorizing participation in Student Loan Repayment Program, through the Rural Opportunity Zone.

The minutes of August 26, 2013, were read and approved.

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With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.