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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.

The 2013 annual report of Fountain, Culver, Grant, Logan, and Richland Townships was examined and confirmed by the commissioners.

Commissioner Luthi moved to go into executive session at 8:10 a.m. for five minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried. Those present were the commissioners and Mary Arganbright, County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 8:15 a.m. No decision was made.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, met with the commissioners and updated them on what he has been doing. Phil went over the guidelines on the tax abatement process, when a company files for exemption status.

Jason Parks, County Attorney, discussed an allegation with the board.

At 9:00 a.m., the commissioners opened bids for 150-8" x 8" Single Bevel Cutting blades. Garry Montre, Welborn Sales, Inc., and Mark Nelson, D C Wholesale were present. Foley Equipment, \$15,034.50; D-C Wholesale, \$17,100; and Welborn Sales, \$16,200. Beings Foley Equipment's bid did not specify single bevel, and the commissioners cannot confirm they are, Commissioner Luthi moved to accept the bid from Welborn Sales, Inc., for \$16,200, subject to audit. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried. At 9:15 a.m., the commissioners opened the bids for spiral pipe. Those present were Garry Montre, Welborn Sales, Inc., Mark Nelson, D C Wholesale, and Emily Spencer, Metal Culverts. Metal Culverts, \$42,895.70; Welborn Sales, \$33,410.40; D C Wholesale, \$38,061; and J & J Drainage Products, \$36,335.20. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to accept the bid from Welborn Sales, Inc., for \$33,410.40, subject to audit, for the spiral pipe. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. John discussed the tractor from Lott Implement, and that Agco goes through

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BSB Leasing for their leases. The rate came in at 3.81%. John called the bank and asked if the bank could go the same percent that they recently gave for the motorgraders, at 2.25%. The bank indicated they would. It was decided to have John contact the bank and have the lease revised. The commissioners signed the agreement for the tractor with Lott Implement. Emily Spencer, Metal Culverts, returned and said that she never received the revised specifications on the spiral pipe that went out, and that was the reason her bid was so high. It was decided that there was really nothing that could be done now, since the bids had been opened, but John's office will follow-up in the future on revisions that are sent out to make sure all the companies have got them. The commissioners asked John to swing over and do the Noxious Weed snow removal for them.

Chad Leisey, Minneapolis, visited with the board about the quote that Brian Kindall, Fair Board, presented to the commissioners a few weeks ago. He said that the price was double for what he could do it for, and he was never asked as the only roofer in the county. The commissioners said that it was just an estimate and they were not ready to do anything yet. The commissioners asked for him to contact Brian Kindall and get with him.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 17, City of Minneapolis 1, and Ottawa County 2. Keith reported on the floor repair, and the new cameras are in and working.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, visited with the commissioners about the Kubota. The commissioners said they would like to wait on doing anything with the Kubota at this time, as the roof on the old building needs attention and is a priority. The commissioners informed Kenny that Road & Bridge will be doing his snow removal at the office, and they would still like for Kenny to take care of the Museum sidewalk at this time for snow removal and another party will take care of the parking area.

Commissioner Luthi moved to accept the quotes from CSI for the necessary department upgrades to Windows 7 operating system, for \$11,763.75, for a total of 11 computers. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.

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Jason Parks, County Attorney, came in and the commissioners said that they discussed last year that he would receive his second raise January 1, 2014, of \$6,500. Commissioner Luthi moved to go into executive session at 10:36 a.m. for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried. Those present were the commissioners, Jason, and Mary Arganbright, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 10:46 a.m. No decision was made.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to pass Resolution 14-05, pertaining to the revision of the county attorney salary. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

At noon, the commissioners held the Annual Solid Waste Meeting. Those present were Virginia Hoover, Chairman, Dave Hardesty, Landfill Operator, Kayla Paige, Delphos City Mayor, Carolyn Winebrenner, Culver City Mayor, Judy Swagerty, Bennington, Jason Rourke, RMA Engineering, John Copple, Highway Administrator, Jo Mesecher, Road & Bridge secretary. Virginia called the meeting to order. Commissioner Brumbaugh went over the financial report. Commissioner Brumbaugh stated that if fees were not increased, that the cash would eventually get used up. The commissioners proposed raising fees, across the board, from \$85.20/year to \$88.20/year, or .25 per month. John reported that a new cell is going to have to be dug at the landfill. Jason gave a report in regards to what is being said at the State contact level in regards to the landfill site. Commissioner Luthi moved to adopt the .25 cent increase per month, effective October 1, 2014. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Dave reported that everything is going along the same. He thought that his hauling is up about 80/ton. John reported on the tire amnesty and clean-up days last year. The Spring clean-up will be April 28 – May 3, 2014, and Fall clean-up was set for October 6-11, 2014. Judy discussed E-Waste dumping, and it will be May 3, 2014, and the items will be hauled to Salina again this year. It was decided to look at the fees for tires next year. Judy made a motion to continue with the same slate of officers for this year. Carolyn seconded. Motion carried. Judy asked a question on behalf of Karen McClain, Bennington Recycling Center chairman, about a statement on page 9 of the solid waste plan. John clarified that statement was when the Ottawa County Health Center was operating the recycling center. Kayla moved to adjourn at 1:05 p.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh

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seconded. Motion carried.

The minutes of February 3, 2014, were read and approved.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.