

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
October 2, 2017

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.

Commissioner Kay opened the meeting in prayer and then led the group in the flag salute.

Mary Arganbright, County Clerk, gave the commissioners an Application for License to Sell Cereal Malt Beverages from Roger Miller d/b/a Bohemian Hall, and the Notice to Township Board, for approval. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License and the Notice to Township Board for Stanton Township, for Roger Miller d/b/a/ Bohemian Hall. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Mary gave the commissioners the engagement letter from Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, Chtd., the county's auditors, for their services for the year ended December 31, 2017. Commissioner Luthi moved to accept the engagement letter from Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, Chtd., for auditing services for the year ended December 31, 2017. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Luthi moved to go into executive session at 8:20 a.m. for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 8:30 a.m. No decision was made.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, reported on what he has been doing the last month. Phil discussed a youth entrepreneur challenge program with the commissioners. Phil said that both school districts were on board with the program. The commissioners will finish reading the material and get back with Phil.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 45, Sedgwick County 2, and Ottawa County 7. Keith asked where things stood with the architect company on the remodeling. It was decided that everyone needs to write down what questions they have from the email Jim Lichty sent. Keith gave the commissioners salary information that they requested. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to accept Keith's proposed starting salaries, effective October 2, 2017. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Luthi moved to rescind the above motion, until further review and clarification from the Sheriff. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Keith rejoined the group. The commissioner's stated that the county does not have a probation period, as the county is at-will, and anyone at any time can be let go or quit. They visited with Keith on his proposed starting wages and increases for clarification. The commissioners are working on reviewing starting wages throughout the county, department by department. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to accept the Ottawa County Sheriff's office proposals for starting wages, effective 9/25/17(October pay period). Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to approve the individual proposed wage increases as proposed, effective 9/25/17(October pay period). Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. All documents are attached to these minutes.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Luthi moved to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.