

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
February 9, 2015

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 Brumbaugh opened the meeting with prayer and the flag salute.

An abatement was approved.

Vouchers were approved.

At 8:30 a.m., the commissioners held a department head meeting. Those present were Sara Thompson, Clerk of District Court, Marilyn Heck, Register of Deeds, Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, Mary Arganbright, County Clerk, Diane McKain, Deputy Appraiser, Pat Baccus, County Treasurer, Jim Kay, Commissioner, Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, Karen Brumbaugh, Commissioner, Carl Garten, Extension Director, Leah Robinson, and Anthony Rutz, Extension Agents, Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, Jettie Condray, Museum Curator, Truette McQueen, Appraiser, John Copple, Highway Administrator, Ken Stelter, Custodian, Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, Kathy Luthi, Commissioner, and Jason Parks, County Attorney. Commissioner Brumbaugh discussed telephone line trunks with the group. The telephone representative has informed the board that AT&T will be doing away with trunks approximately the year 2020. The county has 8 trunks, with 39 phone lines going through those trunks. The costs have increased from \$11.25 to \$18.25 per month. The commissioners asked the opinion of the group to cut-back on the trunks. No decision was made at this time. Each department head reported on what is going on in their offices.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. John gave the board information on fracture critical bridges inspection program. John gave the board the report on the annual bridge inspections.

Virginia Hoover, Mayor City of Minneapolis, brought up a copy of what the proposed Rock City sign will look like, she is requesting the county to help participate funding. The cost is going to be \$11,100 per year. Commissioner Luthi moved to budget \$2,000 from the Economic Development fund a year, for three years, for the Rock City/Ottawa County signs, for 2015, 2016, and 2017. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Prisoner count was reported Saline County 25, and Ottawa County 3.

Brian Kindall, Fair Board, gave the board a 2014 financial update on the fair. He gave them an outline of 2015 projects.

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Commissioner Kay moved to pass Resolution 15-03, providing for the collection of municipal and rural fees and charges for the use of the Ottawa County Construction Demolition Landfill/Solid Waste Collection site. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

Tom Schur, VFW, gave the board the landfill tickets on the tonnage that was hauled to the landfill on the tear down of the VFW building. There was 26.13 tons hauled out. He is following up from a previous request to see if the commissioners would help out with the fee. The charge will be approximately \$796. After discussion, Commissioner Luthi moved to allow \$750 towards landfill fees for demolition material for disaster relief. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, brought in his annual noxious weed report to be approved. Commissioner Luthi moved to approve the 2015 Annual Management Plan for the Noxious Weed department. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. The commissioners signed the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report.

Commissioner Luthi moved to join the Kansas County Commissioners Association for 2015 with dues of \$280.80. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

At noon, the commissioners held the annual meeting between the county, City of Minneapolis, Minneapolis Recreation Commission, and Ottawa County Fair Board. Those present were Gary Kay, Carnival Committee, Al Miles, Carnival Committee, Brian Kindall, Fair Board, Angie Perry, Fair Board, Tania Daugherty, Minneapolis Recreation Commission, Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, David Sweat, Minneapolis City Council Member, and Virginia Hoover, Mayor City of Minneapolis. A statement will be added that the Recreation Commission will be (currently) responsible for all maintenance and utilities of the building. Brian updated the board on requests from the Recreation Commission in regards to baseball/softball season. Brian went over what the fair board has done and 2015 projects planned. The structural condition of the two main buildings was discussed. Tania reported that the Recreation Commission has installed key code locks on their buildings. Gary mentioned that they will be giving scholarships out this year. The fair dates for 2015 will be July 14-19, 2015.

The minutes of February 9, 2015, were approved and signed.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.