

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
December 10, 2018

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

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

Pastor James Blake opened the meeting in prayer and then Commissioner Brumbaugh led the group in the flag salute.

Dawn Wolf, First District County Commissioner-Elect, was an observer.

Added's and abatements were approved.

Vouchers were approved.

Commissioner Kay moved to accept the resignation of Jim Struble as Concord Township Treasurer, effective 12/31/18. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Kay moved to appoint Sharon Flegler as Concord Township Treasurer, effective 1/1/19. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Tommy Barrett, and Albert Slater, Lincoln Township Board Members, discussed roads in Lincoln Township. He also went through the process the township board does to review the roads, how they keep track of material that gets put on the roads, etc. Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator, joined the group. Albert gave the commissioners pictures and documentation on issues. Albert said that they have \$18,000 of rock that has been covered up with dirt by the county maintainers. Albert said that the county owns the roads, but the township owns the rock. He asked if the county was going to replace the rock? Shannon asked about the list that the township gave the Road Foreman at the first of the year, and how much has got done. Albert said that 1 tube has got replaced on Ottawa Rd and 280<sup>th</sup> Rd. There are 4 to 5 tubes on various other roads that need replaced. Albert said that they need help, and need the rock replaced.

David Johnson asked the commissioners the status of the bridge project on 170<sup>th</sup> Road. Steel quote in September was \$74,000 and concrete would be \$5,000. Commissioner Luthi moved to put the bridge on 170<sup>th</sup> Road into the 2019 budget to replace the bridge. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator, gave the commissioners quotes for a 2018 rotary mower. Barry Blake, LDI, and Wally Waltner, Rhino, were present. LDI, \$16,900; Concordia Tractor, \$16,600; Carrico Implement for \$17,937, and Lott Implement, \$16,000. Commissioner Kay moved to purchase the Land Pride rotary mower RCM6610 for \$16,000, from Lott Implement. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Shannon gave the board a quote from Professional Cleaning Systems, for a Landa ENG4-30024A Natural gas heated pressure Washer, 3000 PSI, for \$6,175, or a Landa ENG4-22024A, 2200 PSI, for \$5,795. Commissioner Kay asked for another quote from another company. Allen Brown, Road Foreman, joined the group, and the Lincoln Township road issue was discussed. It was decided the commissioners would go look at the roads as a group, next week. Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 9:56 a.m. for non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator. They returned to regular session at 10:01 a.m. No decision was made.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 44, and Ottawa County 7. Keith reported that the new patrol

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vehicle is on the road. He gave an update on the jail remodeling project.

Richard Buck, County Attorney, gave the commissioners case statistics for the current year, and prior years. Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session for thirty minutes for attorney/client privilege at 10:31 a.m. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, and Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 11:01 a.m. Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session for thirty minutes for attorney/client privilege at 11:04 a.m. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 11:34 a.m. No decision was made. Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 11:58 a.m. for ten minutes for non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator. They returned to regular session at 12:08 p.m. Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 12:11 a.m. for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, Shannon Luthi, Highway Administrator, and Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 12:21 p.m. Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 12:24 p.m. for ten minutes for attorney/client privilege. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 12:34 p.m. Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session for attorney/client privilege for five minutes at 12:36 p.m. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 12:41 p.m. Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 12:44 p.m. for five minutes for non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, Richard Buck, County Attorney, and Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator. They returned to regular session at 12:49 p.m. Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session for five minutes for non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the employee at 12:51 p.m. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator, and Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 12:56 p.m. Commissioner Kay moved to terminate the employment of Shannon Luthi, effective immediately. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Luthi moved to pay Shannon Luthi for the entire pay period of December, 2018. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Jo Mesecher, Road & Bridge Administrative Assistant, came in and the commissioners visited with her on the termination of the former Road & Bridge Administrator.

For the record, Commissioner Luthi left the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Allen Brown, Road Foreman, joined the commissioners, and the commissioners informed him of the termination of the former Road & Bridge Administrator.

With no other business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 1:55 p.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 2-0.