

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session with Commissioner Kathy M Luthi, Commissioner James P Kay, Commissioner Ray McGavran and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

Commissioner Luthi opened the meeting with the flag salute and prayer.

Karen Brumbaugh, County Commissioner District 3-Elect, was an observer.

Vouchers were approved.

Ray and Martie Nunemaker, Vince Pieschl, Mary Thrower, and Brent Johnson, met with the commissioners to discuss the bridge on Golden Road. Ray Nunemaker said that the bridge doesn't need to be replaced just repaired. Brent Johnson agreed. As did Vince Pieschl and Mary Thrower. Commissioner Luthi explained that the bridge is a fracture critical bridge and has to be inspected every year. The group will return at 9:00 a.m., when the Highway Administrator is present.

Commissioner Kay moved to accept Tim Korbe's resignation on Minneapolis Fire Department #2, and appoint Paul Small. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried.

Randy Dick, Kaw Valley Insurance, gave the commissioners an update on insurance and renewal rates. The rates will increase 1.22%. Commissioner Luthi signed the renewal.

Songie McCall was an observer.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, met with the board, and the group of Vince Pieschl, Ray and Martie Nunemaker, and Mary Thrower, were present to discuss the bridge on Golden Road. Mary asked John who determines whether a bridge is fracture critical bridge. John said the federal government makes the determination on that. John explained other scenarios with the group, and the group explained their reasons for not

wanting the bridge closed. The commissioners said they would be looking at their options but it wouldn't be repaired or replaced until 2013. John will contact the company that last did the inspection on it to see if they can come and meet on it. John gave the commissioners estimated costs on several other bridges. John reported on what crews were doing. John recommended Allen Brown to replace Kenny Wilcox when he retires. The commissioners approved.

Virginia Hoover, Mayor City of Minneapolis, brought back information on the Rock City Signs. One is west between Culver and Salina at mile marker 246.5; one is east in Dickinson County at mile marker 284.93; and one south of Salina at Waterwell Road. The traffic count is between 12,000-15,000 vehicles a day. Virginia showed the commissioners her work up of what the signs would say. However, she asked for suggestions. The commissioners would like to see other options explored for cost comparison. Virginia will pursue options discussed.

Truette McQueen, County Appraiser/Zoning Administrator, brought up a renewal agreement with Foster & Associates Planning Consultants, Wichita, for zoning services. Truette will send it back to Mr. Foster for a name correction and then take it to the county attorney for approval and bring it back.

David Johnson, came in and introduced himself to the commissioners.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, stopped in and shared a progress report from the facility task force committee.

Mark Lawlor, Clean Line Energy Partners, gave the commissioners updated information on the Grain Belt Express Clean Line project, wind energy transmission lines.

The minutes of November 26, 2012, were read and approved.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.