

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
December 21, 2015

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

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

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

At 8:00 a.m., the commissioners opened interest rates bids for the telephone system upgrade, \$50,000 for one year. Citizens State Bank, 6%; Bennington State Bank, 1.90%; and The Bank of Tescott, no bid. Commissioner Luthi moved to accept the low interest bid of 1.90% from the Bennington State Bank. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

The commissioners approved Resolution 15-23, transferring available funds from the Road & Bridge fund to the Special Highway Improvement fund of \$225,000; and Resolution 15-24, transferring available funds from the Road & Bridge fund to the Road & Bridge Special Machinery fund of \$75,000.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, visited with the commissioners about the Senior Centers, and the officers, budgets, and by-laws of each center, and how the aging office can help, along with commissioners. Sara updated the board on programs and grants.

Abatement's were approved.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. John gave the board a Notice of Award to sign from Norfolk Contracting, Inc., on the bridge known at the Hoesli Bridge. John discussed permitting of the bridge. John went over the copier proposal he left last week. Central Office Service & Supply, Sharp MX-M364N copier for \$4,620.66. The commissioners approved.

Jody Parks, Ottawa County Health Center Administrator, met with the board and reported that Tom McGavran's term on the hospital board expires this month. Commissioner Kay moved to reappoint Tom to the hospital board for another 4 year term. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. Jody updated the commissioners on the progress of the bond project.

Rob Edgar, Empower Retirement, met with board and discussed a deferred compensation 457 (b) plan with the board to offer employees. After going through the services that his company could offer, the commissioners said they would like to discuss and research it further.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 39 and Ottawa County 5. Keith discussed correction officer wages. Jason Parks, County Attorney, joined the group. They discussed hiring, KPERS, pay,

Jason Parks, County Attorney, informed the board that he had the ITC contract and he would know more next week and bring it in then.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, stopped in and let the commissioners know that the Minneapolis Housing Authority was awarded the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant. Marie reported on how the FEMA township projects were going. Marie will be turning over what isn't completed to the Road & Bridge department, and beginning in January the county will take over in getting the rest of the site finished. Marie discussed the safety meeting from last week, and the regulations that are in place for complying with the Hazard Communication Program. The commissioners will look through the information and get back with her.

Anthony Swetson, and David Swetson, and Truette McQueen, County Zoning Administrator, met with the board and Anthony said that he received a letter from the zoning office about his property for the vehicles that he has on his property, creating a salvage yard. He got a special use permit, and the zoning office has sent the letter for non-compliance. He has an automotive repair and wrecker service business. Some needed to be put behind his fence, some were not tagged, etc. The vehicles that are not immediate family will be moved by 5:00 p.m., tomorrow. Truette went through the zoning regulations with the group. There was a statement on the special use permit that needs to be clarified with the zoning board. Truette said that he would work with him on getting into compliance.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, brought up the sealed bids for the two furnaces for the shop and chemical room. Bob Griffin, Griffin's, was present. Comfort Heating & Air, LLC, Bennington, \$6,815; Griffin's, Minneapolis, \$6,987.50. No bid from Plunkett Plumbing & Electric, Minneapolis. Commissioner Kay moved to go with Comfort Heating & Air, LLC, for \$6,815. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried 2-0, with Commissioner Luthi abstaining on this issue. Kenny gave the board the sealed bids for the lease agreement interest rates for the furnace, and tube heater for approximately \$10,000 on a 3 year lease agreement. The Bank of Tescott, 2.375%; Citizens State Bank, 6%; and Bennington State Bank, \$2.375%. Commissioner Luthi moved to accept the interest rate from The Bank of Tescott for 2.375%. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Kenny reported that his office has already been working on the Hazardous Material regulations, which was brought up by Marie Ballou earlier. The commissioners asked for Kenny to consider taking on the project of seeing that the other offices were getting in compliance.

Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 12:42 p.m. for ten minutes to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. Those present were the commissioners, and Mary Arganbright, County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 12:52 p.m. No

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decision was made.

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With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 p.m.
Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.