

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
April 24, 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.

Vouchers were approved.

An abatement was approved.

Mike Smith and Jeremy Snavelly, Minneapolis Fire Department #2, brought in interest rate bids for a 2017 Freightliner Tanker/Pumper Combo. The proposals were for \$165,000, and 5-year and 7-year lease purchases. Bennington State Bank, 5-year, 3.380%, and 7-year, 3.759%; Citizens State Bank, 5-year, 2.9%, and 7-year, 3.2%. Tescott State Bank did not have a proposal. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to accept the bid from Citizen State Bank, 7-year, for 3.2%. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, presented the proposed 2018 budgets for consideration for the Health Department and Aging Department.

Shannon Luthi, Highway Administrator, presented his 2018 budgets for consideration, for Road and Bridge, Special Bridge, Solid Waste, and Special County Machinery. Shannon reported on what crews were doing.

Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, presented the Appraiser 2018 budget for consideration.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, presented the Noxious Weed 2018 budget for consideration. Kenny updated the commissioners on what spraying has been done.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 45, Sedgwick County 3, and Ottawa County 6. Keith presented his 2018 budgets for consideration.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, presented his 2018 budget for consideration.

Shelia Nelson-Stout, James Quillen, and Patrick Wallerius, OCCK, presented their 2018 budget for consideration. Patrick and James discussed the North Central Kansas Transit Program.

Randy Gruber, and Judith Swagerty, Bennington Fire Department #4, presented the fire department 2018 budget for consideration.

John Nelson, Tescott Fire Department #6, presented the fire department 2018 budget for consideration.

Brett Prochaska, O & L #1 Fire Department, presented the fire department 2018 budget for consideration.

Jason Parks, County Attorney, discussed a legal matter with the board. Jason worked with the commissioners on their questions that have resulted from a fence viewing. Jason visited with the commissioners on tax sale procedures and policies. Jason said there are 34 properties lined up ready to sale. Jason and Mary Arganbright, County Clerk, continued review of the employee handbook with the commissioners.

For the record, on April 14, 2017, the commissioners, acting as fence viewers, met at the corner of 60th Road and Coronado Road, Section 19, Township 12, Range 4, Culver Township, to view a fence requested by Dean Martin on April 3, 2017. Those present at the site were the commissioners, Dean Martin, Landowner, Georgia Lee Kepple, Landowner, Elizabeth Kepple, Jon Ahlquist, Renter, and Levi Ebert. Both landowners were asked to give their viewpoint as to repair and replacement. The condition of the existing stretch of fence was old, fire damaged, and in disrepair. (This was a five wire, barbed wire fence). Kansas State Statute notes a minimum of three wire, barbed wire fence as a partition fence, however both landowners agreed that three wire is not adequate, and would it would need to be at least five wire, barbed wire fence. Georgia Lee Kepple would like to have Stay-Tuff © fencing considered. All parties agreed the portion of the fence that needs replaced is approximately ¼ of mile, and approximately 1,373 feet. After viewing the ¼ mile of partition fence in question, the commissioners went to a separate location to view some existing Stay-Tuff © fence. No decision was made until all facts can be reviewed.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to adjourn at 3:45 p.m. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.