

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
May 29, 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.

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

Mary Arganbright, County Clerk, visited with the commissioners on a budget class that she attended last week. Jeff Reece, Lindburg Pierce Faris & Co., Chtd., county auditor, joined the group. Jeff asked the commissioners if the board had any concerns or findings that needed to be reported. The commissioners had none. The group discussed 2019 budget preparation.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, presented his 2019 budget for consideration.

Vouchers and payroll were approved.

Randy Gruber, and Judith Swagerty, Bennington Fire Department #4, presented the 2019 budget for consideration. Brandon Cochran, and Tony Swetson, Bennington EMS were also present.

Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Shannon gave the commissioners the agreement between Schwab-Eaton P.A., Consulting Engineers and Ottawa County, Kansas, for the Sanitary Sewer System Improvements for the county shop and future truck wash building. Commissioner Luthi moved to sign the agreement between Schwab-Eaton P.A., Consulting Engineers and Ottawa County. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. The total cost of \$17,400. Shannon gave the board an Agreement between Kyle Railroad and Ottawa County for crossing signals with gates, located north of Minneapolis on the Ada Road or Mulberry Road. Shannon will touch base with Kyle Railroad on wording. Shannon gave the board an Equipment Protection Plan from Foley Equipment Company for powertrain and hydraulics for the excavator, for \$11,767.50 for a four-year period. Commissioner Kay moved to sign the extended warranty agreement with Foley Equipment Company for \$11,767.50 for a four-year period. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. The group discussed an email from KDOT that Shannon received following up on road signage on Highway 81. Shannon gave the commissioners his 2019 budgets for consideration.

Brandon Cochran, Tony Swetson, and Judith Swagerty, presented the Bennington Ambulance 2019 budget for consideration.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 43, and Ottawa County 8. Keith said that the Fire Marshall showed up and did an inspection, and there were 3-4 minor issues they recommended. Keith submitted 2019 budgets for consideration.

The Annual Township Report of Garfield Township was examined and confirmed by the commissioners.

Mike Smith, Fire Department #2 Minneapolis, presented the fire department 2019 budget for consideration.

Todd Heitschmidt, Court Administrator, presented the court 2019 budget for consideration.

Richard Buck, County Attorney, brought in the final draft of an employment agreement. Richard presented his 2019 budget for consideration. Dave and Cheryle Hardesty, Landfill Operators, met with the commissioners and were given a revised Contract for Operation of a Construction and Demolition Landfill and the Direct Haul Transfer of Solid Waste. Cheryle said that their attorney has not looked at the contract yet. The group discussed pollution insurance. Richard said there are companies that issue pollution insurance. It is still in the contract that Hardesty's provide it. Cheryle said that they are being told that since the permit isn't in their name, they can't get it. Richard went through options. After discussion, the group will meet again next week.

Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, presented his 2019 budget for consideration.

Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 1:16 p.m. for five minutes for attorney/client matters. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 1:21 p.m. No decision was made. Richard addressed his request for additional wages for county counselor duties. The commissioners said they would like to discuss it.

Commissioner Luthi moved to approve an increase of salary of \$1,338.33 per month, for the additional duties of county counselor, effective 5/25/18. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Richard Buck, County Attorney, rejoined the group, and the commissioners informed him of their decision.

The commissioners worked on several 2019 budgets for consideration.

With no other business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.