

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
February 25, 2019

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

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

Commissioner Kay opened the meeting in prayer then led the group in the flag salute.

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

Vouchers were approved.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, and Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, discussed the request for a purchase of a sign machine, for making road signs. Now the signs are pre-made and shipped for \$36.40 per sign. It takes 6-weeks for the signs to be made. They order approximately 20 signs a quarter. The price for the machine is \$6,903.63. It will pay for itself in no time. Marie said that making their own signs, they could go back to making address signs for rural residents again, which helps emergency vehicles locate houses quicker. Marie said that she has the money in her budget. The commissioners approved the request. Marie gave the commissioners quotes for the electricity to the building at the shop. Tasker Construction Company, \$13,903, includes electricity to building and pole barn; Electrical Services, \$5,400, for building, and \$1,035, for just pole barn, and \$6,435 for both; Griffin's, \$14,852, for building and pole barn; and Precision Electrical Contractors, \$8,754 for just the building, and \$9,725, for both building and pole barn. The commissioners approved the recommendation from Marie to go with Electrical Services for \$6,435 for both building and pole barn. Marie gave the only quote she had for the garage door opener from Minneapolis Garage Door LLC, for \$1,194.67. The commissioners approved.

Greg Dockins, Road and Bridge Administrator reported on what crews were doing. Greg gave the commissioners raise recommendations for Chris Smith for taking over as Road & Bridge Assistant Road Supervisor, from \$19.75 to \$20.50; and Charles Finkbiner to Asphalt Foreman from \$15.75 to \$18.00. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to approve the raise of Charlie Finkbiner, Asphalt Foreman to the recommended rate of \$18.00, effective February 25, 2019. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to approve the raise for Chris Smith, Road & Bridge Assistant Road Supervisor, to the recommended rate of \$20.50, effective February 25, 2019. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Greg surveyed all Road & Bridge employees to see if they wanted to do the 10-hour day, 4-day work week schedule coming up and only 2 said they wanted to stay with regular hours. They will be starting 10-hour day, 4-day work week beginning March 25, 2019. Greg said that the water has been drained out of the pond at the landfill. All the bridges have the signage completed on them.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, reported on Department of Aging meetings and the upcoming meeting of the Ottawa County Council on Aging. Sara went over Senior Health Fair information. She reported on grants, upcoming meetings, and financial data.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count Saline County 41, and Ottawa County 5. Keith reported on the jail remodeling project.

JoDee Cople, County Treasurer, gave the commissioners the January bank reconciliation. Commissioner Brumbaugh asked JoDee if the transfer from the vehicle fund to County General fund had been done yet. JoDee said no, that she does it in May.

Judith Swagerty, Ottawa County Council on Aging Secretary, and Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, provided the commissioners with minutes from prior meetings, and discussed things going on. Sara provided the commissioners with current by-laws of the Ottawa County Council on Aging, and went over the membership guidelines, and the commissioners are to officially appoint the members. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to the Ottawa County Council of Aging board from Ada Community Center, Ladonna Hauck, and Gary Sechrist, from Bennington Senior Center, Judith Swagerty (Secretary), and Wanda Whitesell (Vice-Chairman), from Delphos Senior Center, Deloris Pachta, and Gudrun Tyler, from Golden Wheel Senior Center, Rachele Bell-Hudson, and Phil Aumick, and Niles Senior Center, Joan Sullivan (Chairman), and Sandy Slater. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. The terms are for two years, beginning today. Judith is working on a Meal Proclamation that she will send when it's completed.

The commissioners recessed until 1:00 p.m., at 11:25 a.m.

Doug McKinney, North Central Regional Planning Commission, visited with the board on strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats in North Central Kansas, in regard to visions for the future. Doug gave the commissioners a Resolution to approve participation in and adoption of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the region served by the North Central Kansas Planning Commission. The last one was done May 19, 2014, and it's reviewed every 5-years. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to approve Resolution 2019-05 supporting the 2019 North Central Regional Planning Commission Economic Development Strategy. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Doug discussed Economic Development with the board.

With no other business before the board, Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn at 2:20 p.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.