

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
September 28, 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.

Commissioner Kay moved to revise the employee handbook, Section 19, Reimbursable Expenses, to \$15 per meal, (\$45 per day), including tip, for employee meal reimbursement when an employee is out of town, effective today. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Luthi moved to accept the resignation of Greg Brenneman as Lincoln Township Treasurer. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Vouchers and payroll were approved.

Jody Parks, Ottawa County Health Center Administrator, thanked the commissioners and John Copple, Highway Administrator, for helping with the clean-up on one of the lots at the hospital. Jody gave the commissioners an update on the rest of the bond project.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Commissioner Luthi moved to go into executive session for confidential data relating to financial affairs for five minutes at 9:08 a.m. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Those present were the commissioners and John. They returned to regular session at 9:13 a.m. No decision was made.

Bob Griffin, Griffin's Construction, and Ken Stelter, Custodian, met with the board and discussed the new unit that Bob wanted to put in for the leak issue in Clerk of the District Court. Bob explained what he is seeing up in the ceiling, and how the process works through the air conditioning and heating unit, which is a boiler system that has water running through it summer and winter. The unit he wants to try is \$1,100. The commissioners said they wanted a quote on the whole project.

Tammy Schmidt, USD 239, visited with the commissioners on Red Ribbon Week coming up, and was asking for financial support for the program. She explained what they had planned, October 23-31, 2015. Commissioner Kay moved to donate \$250 to USD 239 for Red Ribbon Week. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. The donation will come from the Drug & Alcohol Fund.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 40, and Ottawa County 11. Keith brought up a landfill ticket for dumping at the landfill for a case he is working on, and wondered about getting it waived.

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Commissioner Luthi moved to waive the Ottawa County Landfill fees for \$102.08, for 3.19 tons for the Ottawa County Sheriff for investigation. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Keith said that they have got and are using one body camera.

Tom Schur, stopped in and visited with the commissioners about the veteran's memorial on the south side of the courthouse. He said that it was deteriorating and doesn't look very good. He wondered who owned it and is responsible for it. He wanted to try to get money from different organizations, or maybe a grant, to redo it. The commissioners said that the county owned the monument, but they weren't for sure who is responsible. They came up with a name on who they thought painted the current memorial picture. Tom has done some leg work on coming up with a different memorial. The commissioners will continue to research it.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.