

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
December 3, 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.

Dawn Wolf, First District County Commissioner-Elect, was an observer.

Added's and abatements were approved.

Mary Arganbright, County Clerk, visited with the commissioners about the holiday dinner coming up, and road and bridge employees attending. She asked if they were working away from the shop, if they could start back to attend the dinner without their pay being docked. The commissioners said that would be fine.

Commissioner Luthi moved to approve the solid waste fee exemption for Dennis Koster for property located on N 60<sup>th</sup> Rd, Tescott. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, informed the commissioners that Minneapolis will be an overnight stop for Bike Across Kansas next year. Phil updated the board on other items he is working on. Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 8:52 a.m. for five minutes to discuss non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director. They returned to regular session at 8:57 a.m. No decision was made, pending further research.

Richard Darg, stopped in and asked the protocol for a motor grader to take his grader home before a predicting storm. The employee can't get out of his home to get to where his grader is parked. The commissioners will find out and let him know.

Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. The commissioners have a proposal from Dickinson County and Flora Township in Dickinson County concerning a resident in Dickinson County on 3200 Rd., which feeds into Granite Rd., that Flora township will pay and haul the gravel for the mile on Granite Rd, Ottawa County, for the residents one way out. Ottawa County will grade the road. Dickinson County will do a memorandum of understanding and get it to Ottawa County. Shannon asked the board their official stance on pulling people out from being stuck. After discussion, the group agreed common sense should prevail, but the commissioners asked Shannon to call KCAMP. Shannon said that they are in need of a new pressure washer. Commissioner Brumbaugh visited with Shannon about the holiday dinner and the employees heading in early to attend, and to not dock pay. Shannon said he wouldn't. The commissioners visited with Shannon about the visit from Richard Darg, and Shannon had no problem with the employee taking the grader home.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, said that he went and looked at the truck at Foster Ford, Inc., Holton, Ks., and they are wanting \$16,100, for a 2001 F450 Super White. Kenny thought it was too high, and he didn't feel they would come down. Kenny gave the commissioners a document on everything it has had done to it. Kenny will check to see what

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blue book is.

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Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 43, and Ottawa County 8. Keith said that he received a \$1,000 donation from a family, so he would like to redo an outside Sheriff office sign that needs replaced.

Luke Fall, Zach Shelton, and Eric Jochems, Southern Star Pipeline, and Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator, discussed line depth of their lines. Contact information was exchanged.

Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator, discussed culverts being damaged throughout the county and how the commissioners want to handle it. Commissioner Kay moved to table the decision until further investigation. Commissioner Luthi seconded. In discussion Commissioner Kay feels the investigation should be are insurance companies going to pay for the damage, and Commissioner Luthi feels the investigation should include where is the county going to start and stop on the stance. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Kay moved to increase wages across the board .50 cents for the pay period beginning 12/25/18 (January 2019 pay period), increase starting wages .25 cents, and no increase for the county commissioner wage. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session for attorney/client matters at 11:11 a.m. for ten minutes. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 11:21 a.m. Commissioner Kay moved to appoint Richard Buck, County Counselor, as our interviewer for interviews relating to the operations of the Ottawa County Road & Bridge Department. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Richard discussed their system from the start of case being filed, to the end. Their system does not interface with the court side. He discussed a system that he could purchase for \$28,975, that would be more efficient from start to finish. He is working on a grant to fund some of the cost. The commissioners asked for statistical data from Richard.

With no other business before the board, Commissioner Luthi moved to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.