

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
March 12, 2018

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

Vouchers were approved.

Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 8:01 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 Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 8:06 a.m. No decision was made.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, Larry Bertrand, and Sharon Wyatt, Golden Wheel, Sandy Slater, Betty Wilbur, Carol Duggan, Joan Duggan, and Joan Sullivan, Niles Senior Center, and Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, met with the commissioners and the Senior Centers presented documentation for an increase in their budgets. The group was advised to have 2019 budget information to the commissioners by the end of April.

Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews are doing. Shannon discussed getting first aid kits for vehicles for Road & Bridge. The commissioners approved. Shannon reported on training he is attending. He also updated the commissioners on applicants.

Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, stopped in and said that he had a printer that broke, and needed to be replaced. He has not got all the proposals back yet. The commissioners approved. Truette discussed the flood plain at the fairgrounds with the board. The fair board is wanting to upgrade the restrooms, and they are in the flood plain. Truette suggested that the City of Minneapolis annex the area in discussion into the City, taking it out of the county, as the City of Minneapolis does not participate in the flood plain. Truette said that he has already visited with the City Administrator about it. The commissioners thought it would be a good idea. The commissioners proposed splitting the survey that would need to be done. Truette will continue conversation with Barry Hodges, City of Minneapolis Administrator.

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer, gave the commissioners the bank reconciliation for February 2018. JoDee gave the commissioners a proposed wage increase for Missy Witt, who will be moving up to Deputy Treasurer, from \$12.50 to \$15.00 an hour, effective March 26, 2018. JoDee said that she wanting to paint her office and do something with curtains. The county clerk said that she was wanting to paint also, so JoDee said that she would check with other offices and see how many were interested and maybe a better price on paint could be given.

Prisoner count was reported Saline County 45, and Ottawa County 3.

Richard Malm, National Association of Counties (NACO), visited with the commissioners about the benefits of belonging to NACO. Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, and Phil Aumick,

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Economic Development Director, were also present. The dues are \$450 a year. The commissioners said they would think about it.

Commissioner Luthi moved to deny the solid waste exemption for the United Brethren Church in Miltonvale. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Luthi moved to approve the solid waste exemption for Carl and Linda Connelly Trust at Tescott. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, discussed setting up Active Shooter Training for the courthouse. Officer VanCoevern would be willing to do the training. Marie asked if the training could be done in one session with the courthouse being shut down for 2 hours. The commissioners said that they would have to think about it. Marie reminded the board of the storm spotter meeting tonight at courthouse. Marie discussed Disaster Declaration with the commissioners, and the process. Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, joined the group. Marie said that there is a major damage going on with people shooting/damaging road signs. Marie asked how much damage the signs need to have before the commissioners want them replaced. It was decided that if you can still read the name of the road, not to replace them, and the maximum of 15 signs per quarter will be replaced. Marie said that the State is implementing a Fire Task Force, and she has invited fire department chiefs for a teleconference this week. Marie talked about a grant she was applying for that would help the fire departments. The group discussed the medical boxes and items in the cabinets that Cintas checks on. It was decided that Marie would contact Cintas and let them know that the county no longer will have them come around and refill the cabinets. Marie will check them once a quarter.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, came in and the commissioners approved his 2018 Annual Control Plan, and signed the document.

The commissioners approved a wage increase for Missy Witt, future Deputy County Treasurer, effective March 25, 2018, of \$14.00 per hour.

Richard Buck, County Attorney, stopped in and the commissioners asked his opinion on the Active Shooter Training. Richard said that training is always good. The commissioners would like Richard to write up a memo when he is going through vouchers with any questions/recommendations he has.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Luthi moved to adjourn at 12:45 p.m. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.