

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
April 23, 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.

Matt Dixon, Custodian, updated the board that the 20 windows have been replaced. Matt said that he has ordered 2 replacement signs for 2 doors on the service animals only signage. Matt presented a Maintenance Request Form to the commissioners for them to look over. The commissioners didn't think it would be necessary for little everyday items. The commissioners said that it will be his responsibility to give the form to the office when a request is made, if it will require the form.

Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Shannon discussed the road south of the Rainbow Bridge in Bennington Township. A citizen has requested that the road be straightened out. Shannon recommended changing the speed limit sign from the county line for a little over 3 miles to 40 m.p.h. The commissioners agreed. Shannon also discussed cabin row speed limit. Shannon will put together a resolution and bring up next week.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count Saline County 51, and Ottawa County 2. Keith reported that two vehicles sold on Purple Wave auction site.

Annie Grevas, and Sherry Krouse, Community Corrections, went through FY19 Adult Services Grant, FY19 Behavioral Health Grant Application, and FY19 Juvenile Services Comprehensive Plan Grant Application. Commissioner Luthi moved to approve for signature FY19 Community Correction Comprehensive Plan Grant Application for the 28th Judicial District. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Luthi moved to approve for signature FY19 KDOC-Juvenile Services Grant request for 28th Judicial District. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Luthi moved to approve for signature FY19 Behavioral Health Grant Application for the 28th Judicial District. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Commissioner Luthi moved to go into executive session at 11:02 a.m. for five minutes for non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, Richard Buck, County Attorney, and Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator. They returned to regular session at 11:07 a.m. No decision was made. Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 11:08 for five minutes for non-elected personnel, to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, Richard Buck, County Attorney, and Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator. They returned to regular session at 11:13 a.m. Commissioner Kay moved to move Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, back to a salary position, effective April 25, 2018. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Richard Buck, County Attorney, came in and said that he had heard from Rob Walsh, City of Minneapolis Attorney, on the annexation of area at the fairgrounds. Richard said that the City of Minneapolis is willing to do the annexation, with the county paying all of the costs. Commissioner Luthi stated that there has been no decision from the County Commissioners

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on doing anything, there has only been discussion. Commissioner Brumbaugh asked the County Clerk if she had a copy of the minutes. Mary Arganbright, County Clerk, said the only minutes she had were the March 13, 2018, official minutes from the City of Minneapolis council meeting, which she gave a copy to the commissioners, in which Commissioner Kay attended. Commissioner Kay once again, stated that he was not at the City of Minneapolis Council meeting on behalf of the county commissioners, even though that is what the official City of Minneapolis minutes said. After discussion, it was decided that the appropriate steps have not been taken for the commissioners to make a formal decision, in session, to change anything at this time. Richard will write a response back to Rob Walsh, and let the commissioners review it before he sends it on.

For the record, Commissioner Luthi left the meeting at 12:00 p.m., noon.

Richard Buck, County Attorney, brought in a draft letter for the commissioners review to send to Rob Walsh, City of Minneapolis Attorney, on the fairground annexation issue. The commissioners approved.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, went over the Comprehensive Plan review with the board.

With no other business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.