

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session with Commissioner James P Kay, Commissioner Kathy M Luthi, Commissioner Karen Brumbaugh, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

Commissioner Kay opened the meeting in the flag salute, and prayer.

Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, visited with the commissioners about the flood plain insurance. Truette explained that there was a bill passed in Congress that would raise rates 20% a year until they become market rates.

At 8:30 a.m., the commissioners held a road closing hearing, petitioned by Paul Burger, for a road described as follows: A 60.00 foot wide road right-of-way as originally recorded in Road Record A, Page 338 (Survey Field Notes dated April 14, 1876 by G.P. Crosby, County Surveyor) and then relocated and recorded in Road Record C, Page 108 (Road Notice publicly published on July 10th, 1885 then filed as permanent Road Record on August 21, 1885), located in the Southeast Quarter of Section 31, Township 12 South, Range 3 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Ottawa County, Kansas, the centerline of said right-of-way more particularly described in said Road Record C, Page 108, filed at the Ottawa County Road and Bridge Department. Paul Burger was present, and stated that he was petitioning for his road only. The commissioners indicated that the county was going to look at closing the rest of the road. Commissioner Luthi moved to vacate the above-described road. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried. Resolution 13-20 was signed.

JoDee Copple and Pat Baccus, Treasurer's office, stopped in and JoDee presented a county logo to the commissioners. JoDee also said that she had checked into possibly getting shirts with the logo on it also. The commissioners approved for her to continue checking on prices.

Allen Brown, Road Foreman, reported on what crews were doing. The group discussed several roads in the county.

Prisoner count was reported Sedgwick County 48, Saline County 3, Ottawa County 4,

and Cloud County 1.

Judge Hellmer, Judge Thrower, Todd Heitschmidt, Court Administrator, Sara Thompson, Clerk of the District Court, and Jason Parks, County Attorney, met with the commissioners to discuss courthouse security, specifically the conceal carry law. Todd explained what Saline County is proposing that will be voted on, and he would recommend that Ottawa County apply for the four-year exemption, with a plan. Judge Hellmer indicated that he would be fine with what Judge Thrower and Jason would come up with to comply with the upcoming law. Other ideas were discussed that could be done to help make the courthouse more secure.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, and Bob Stamey, C.E.R.T. representative discussed the county C.E.R.T. team. Virginia Hoover, City of Minneapolis Mayor was also present. Marie gave the commissioners a list of volunteers and leaders currently for the local C.E.R.T. team. Bob gave the group an overview of how C.E.R.T. teams are designed throughout the state.

Sara Hodges, Ottawa County Health Department Administrator, met with the commissioners and discussed the cell phones. Sara said that their phones are up for renewal, and she is waiting for one company for a quote. Sara discussed overtime and hours with the commissioners. Sara went over 2013 budget and updated the commissioners on services and fees.

The minutes of October 21, 2013, were read and approved.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.