

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
October 29, 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.

Vouchers were approved.

Mary Arganbright, County Clerk, gave the commissioners a written complaint that was given to her from a citizen for a department.

At the request of Commissioner Kay, Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 8:17 a.m. for fifteen 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 Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 8:32 a.m. No decision was made. Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 8:35 a.m. for ten minutes for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 8:45 a.m. No decision was made. Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 8:48 a.m. for ten 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 Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 8:58 a.m. No decision was made.

Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews are doing. Shannon visited with the commissioners on phone calls he is getting from citizens who are upset with township board members for not putting rock on roads. Shannon gave the commissioners a proposal from Griffin's for laying septic pipe at the county shop to hook into the City of Minneapolis sewer, for \$49,100 less \$3,000 if they don't have to go across the street. Commissioner Luthi moved to go into executive session at 9:15 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 and Shannon Luthi, Road and Bridge Administrator. They returned to regular session at 9:20 a.m. No decision was made. Commissioner Luthi moved to go into executive session at 9:24 a.m. for ten minutes for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator. They returned to regular session at 9:34 a.m. No decision was made. Shannon discussed personnel changes with the board.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, gave the commissioners an update on his office. Kenny said that he is looking at different brands of trucks to use as a spray truck. Kenny gave the board a draft proposal letter to send out for sealed bids for the replacement roof, insulation and gutting on the old shop building at the weed department. The commissioners asked Kenny about a Visa charge for copies while at a meeting. After explanation, the commissioners understood.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 49, City of Minneapolis 1, and Ottawa County 3. Keith gave

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the commissioners a proposal from AP Roofing for the last addition added to the jail, mainly over the kitchen area, of \$7,122.75. He is still waiting on one more proposal.

Amanda Loughridge, Aging Department, gave the commissioners the completed grant application for their approval. The operating funds would be available from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The commissioners signed the letter of support for financial support and commitment for the grant.

Scott Ausherman, Rodger Peck, Darin Laws, Dan Newman, Sheldon Daugherty, Wilbur Noon, Chuck Weis and Jim Struble, Concord Township Board Members, and Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator. Scott asked for the county to build Laramie Road and 135th Road up so then the township board can maintain it. The group discussed the condition of the roads. Shannon said they could build the road up but they would need commitment from the township for the material. Jim Struble went over expenses in the Concord Township budget. Shannon and Jim will coordinate with each other.

Rick Bollier, visited with the commissioners about 140th Road and Frontier Road down by his farm that needs attention. He said that the material is no longer on the road. Shannon will go take a look at it.

Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 12:11 p.m. for fifteen minutes for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the employee. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 12:26 p.m. No decision was made. Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 12:27 p.m. for 20 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 Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 12:47 p.m. No decision was made.

With no other business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 1:20 p.m. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.