

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

Commissioner Luthi opened the meeting with the flag salute and prayer.

John Wilson, Minneapolis Messenger, was an observer.

Jason Parks, Candidate for Ottawa County Attorney, was an observer.

Justin Ferrell, KCAMP, county's liability insurance attorney, was present. John Wilson asked questions pertaining to the current county attorney, in which the commissioners answered.

Tammy Schmidt, USD #239, came in and discussed Red Ribbon Week, October 23-31, 2012. Commissioner McGavran moved to donate \$200 from the Drug & Alcohol Fund for Red Ribbon Week. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Betty Mick, County Attorney met with the commissioners. Others present were John Wilson, Minneapolis Messenger, and Justin Ferrell, KCAMP. The commissioners asked Betty her level of commitment for the remainder of her term. Betty said that she has been back since September 1, 2012. Betty said that she has always intended to fulfill her term.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, came in and his pay will be adjusted for when the commissioners raised his hours to 32 hours per week. Phil said that an electronic sign will soon be going up at All Smiles Dental. The Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce will be responsible to keep it updated. Phil reported that there will be a Halloween parade again this year, and Christmas in the Park will continue. He has been working on grant applications with several businesses. Phil said that the EMS/Fire Department Task Force has been meeting. Phil discussed the printer in his office. He said that the ink cartridges are really expensive. It was approved for him to purchase a

different laser printer for around \$100.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Sedgwick County 26, Ottawa County 2, and Saline County 12. The commissioners informed Keith that Betty Mick, County Attorney, has said that she back to fulfill her term, and she will be handling cases. The sheriff office should be contacting her and not Richard Buck. Keith said that one of the patrol cars is in the shop having electrical work done. He is trying to get it done through warranty.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. John gave the board two solid waste exemptions for Robert Paige, 210 N Custer, Delphos, and Robert Paige, 513 W 2nd St, Delphos, which were approved. John gave the commissioners the two in-house applications for the Road & Bridge Foreman position that will be vacant by retirement in the near future.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported that she has training scheduled in the basement meeting room, that 20-30 computers will need to be hooked up. She has a router that will be used but she needs to make sure that it will work, so she will be contacting the internet company. Marie said that CERT training is near the end. She was wondering if the commissioners would like to come and talk to the graduates. There are 32. The commissioners will let her know. Marie gave the board information on a new grant for them to look at.

Judge Thrower, came in and the commissioners informed her that they had met with the County Attorney, Betty Mick, and she has informed them that she has been back to work since September 1, 2012, and intends to fulfill her term. No one should be calling Richard Buck for county attorney matters.

The minutes of October 1, 2012, were read and approved.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.