

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
April 14, 2014

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 Kathy M Luthi, Commissioner Karen Brumbaugh, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

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

Vouchers were approved.

At 8:15 a.m., the commissioners held a hearing to attach land to Rural Water District No. 2, Ottawa County, Kansas, petitioned by Joyce E Came, Trustee of the Joyce E Came Trust dated September 6, 2007, and Advantage Trust Company, Trustee of the William G Came Trust dated September 6, 2007, land described as follows: The Northeast quarter (NE ¼) of Section Nine (9), Township Thirteen (13) South, Range Three (3) West of the 6th P.M., Saline County, Kansas. Those present were Darrell and Norma Griffin, Rural Water District #2. The Rural Water Board District #2 has approved the request. With no objections made, Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to attach the above described land to Rural Water District #2, and pass Resolution 14-10. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

Randy Dick, Kaw Valley Insurance, gave the board an insurance update.

John Cople, Highway Administrator, met with the board and Phil Pieschl, and Vince Pieschl joined the group. The commissioners discussed the Pieschl Bridge, as it has been temporarily closed for over a year, and the board was ready to make an official decision on what they were going to do with it. Commissioner Kay asked if there was any new information to be presented. Vince asked what the estimate was to repair the bridge. Commissioner Kay said that the estimate provided to them a year ago was \$34,600 for material only. Vince said that he would like the bridge to be fixed to a 3-ton bridge. Vince said that for several people that bridge is a necessity. Vince discussed how he thought the bridge should be repaired. Phil asked how much it was going to cost to remove the bridge if it was closed, around \$4,000-\$5,000, and John said probably close to that. John explained the process for what the county has to go through to be in compliance with state and federal guidelines for bridges. After discussion, Commissioner Kay moved to close project N5-18.2, known as the Pieschl Bridge. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion passed unanimously. John reported on what crews were doing. John asked the commissioners if they would consider purchasing a crack sealing machine. John will do some research on it. Commissioner Kay said that last week Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, brought up a bill that road and bridge sent him to put up a fence and a gate. John said that road and bridge probably has about \$5,000 in doing material and work. It was decided to have John and Kenny meet together with the board next week.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported that the fire index has Ottawa County at very

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high. She went over the forecast with the commissioners. Commissioner Luthi moved to extend burn ban Resolution 14-08 not to exceed another seven days. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 7, Ottawa County 3, and City of Minneapolis 1. Keith reported on items he is working on.

Commissioner Kay moved to donate \$100 to the Delphos Museum. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

The commissioners recessed at 11:00 a.m., until 1:30 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m., the commissioners attended a hospital board meeting at the Ottawa County Health Center.

The minutes of April 14, 2014, were read and approved.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.