

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
September 23, 2019

Office of the Ottawa County Clerk  
8:00 a.m.  
Regular Session

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session with First District Commissioner Dawn Wolf, Second District Commissioner James P. Kay, Third District Commissioner Karen S. Brumbaugh, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

Commissioner Kay opened the meeting in prayer and then led the group in the flag salute.

Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk, updated the commissioners on her process on getting the basement storage room cleaned out. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to go into executive session at 8:10 a.m. for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 8:20 a.m. No decision was made.

Abatement's were approved.

Larry Sharp, KCAMP representative, gave the commissioners an update on the county's liability insurance.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Greg gave the commissioners two proposals from Schwab-Eaton regarding use of Ottawa County's right-of-way for improvements to Dickinson County Rural Water District No. 1. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to sign Ottawa County Highway Right of Way/Cross-Road/Utility Use Permit #48, to replace an existing Dickinson County Rural Water District No. 1 water line north of the intersection of 290<sup>th</sup> Road with 3000 Ave (K-18), approximately 7 miles west of Talmage. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to sign Ottawa County Highway Right of Way/Cross-Road/Utility Use Permit #49, to replace an existing Dickinson County Rural Water District No. 1 water line north of the intersection of 300<sup>th</sup> Road (Solomon Road) with 3000 Ave (K-18), approximately 6 miles west of Talmage. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to go into executive at 9:12 a.m. for ten minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, Greg Dockins, Road & Administrator, and Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 9:22 a.m. A meeting will be scheduled with Matt Dixon, Custodian, and Laura Bowles, Assistant Custodian at 10:15 a.m. today.

Tim Hamm, stopped in and asked the commissioners if there were any incentives for businesses coming into the county. The commissioners said they would check into it and let him know.

JoDee Copple, County Treasurer, and Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, visited with the commissioners about the security cameras. The existing power supply has been cutoff when the jail remodeling began. They had an estimate from R & L Fire & Security Specialists, LLC, for \$1,500 for the 8 analog cameras. The cameras and installation were already approved. The commissioners said for them to go ahead with the purchase. Marie said that she has been doing address markers and gave the commissioners the list of ones she has done. Marie reported on FEMA.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count Saline County 44 and Ottawa County 7. Keith reported on the jail remodeling project. Keith asked if there was anything the county could do with the road on 106 Highway and Kiowa

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Road. Keith said that GPS routes individuals to that road, and every time it rains, they get dispatch calls that they are stuck. Keith said that locals know the condition of the road, but others do not. Different signage was discussed. Keith thought a sign that said Mud Road, Do Not Enter, might help.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, Matt Dixon, Custodian, and Laura Bowles, Assistant Custodian, met with the commissioners, and discussed the filling of the vacant Road & Bridge Administrative Assistant position. Greg said that he felt Laura would be a great fit for the office, and that she was already aware of what the job consisted of. It was decided to hire within the courthouse, and Laura accepted the position. Matt gave his blessing for this change. Laura will start half days, afternoons, tomorrow, September 23, 2019. She will go full-time once someone is hired. Matt will get an ad ready for the vacant position he will have for the Assistant Custodial position. However, it won't make this week's local paper. He will get it posted on the county's website, [www.ottawacounty.org](http://www.ottawacounty.org), and the application is on the website as well.

Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, came up and the commissioners asked him what he found out from the county counselor helping him out with the zoning information that he needed. Truette emailed the county attorney/counselor last week. The county counselor responded back to the county commissioners and asked them what was priority that he work on, the zoning matter or another legal issue. The zoning issue needs to be finished by October 15, 2019, so Truette has time to look at it before he needed it for a zoning meeting, so the commissioners felt Truette's zoning matter was priority. The commissioners will need a response from the county counselor by September 30, 2019, if he can meet Truette's request by October 15, 2019.

With no other business before the board, Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.