

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
October 19, 2009

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

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McGavran.

The official minutes of October 12, 2009, were approved and signed.

Betty Mick, County Attorney, came in and talked to the commissioners about a couple of requests she made, 1) The City of Minneapolis Police Department is requesting purchasing lasers from the Diversion Fund, and 2) Steve Ringquist, Delphos City Police Chief is requesting an ammunition purchase from the Diversion Fund. Betty said that one of her issues with the Minneapolis Police Department having tasers, is that both entities, City and County, have the same weapons. They both request each others services from time to time, and both having the same non-lethal weapons is important. Commissioner Kay moved to approve the purchase of the tasers from the Diversion Fund, for \$5,086.10 and then the tasers will transfer ownership to the City of Minneapolis. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. Betty then discussed the ammunition request from the City of Delphos. The City of Delphos is putting together a firing range. Betty has asked some questions, and the commissioners wanted to table the request until they can provide some other information. Pat Baccus, County Treasurer, joined the group. Betty went over the Red Flag Policy and Identity Theft Program. Pat asked if the Solid Waste Fund could help with the postage of mailing tax statements, since the solid waste charge is now added to the tax statements. The commissioners approved \$500.

Sandy Cline, Health/Aging Department, met with the board and gave the commissioners Phase Three, second grant for the H1N1, for the administration. Commissioner McGavran signed the Contract between KDHE and Ottawa County Health Department for Public Health Emergency Response, Phase 3 Focus Area 3. Sandy asked about purchasing two computers from several grants, as she has several that need replaced. The two quotes are Dell Marketing \$957, and Hewlett Packard, \$1,329. Sandy will go with the Dell quote. Sandy has offered the temporary position to Lou Anne Snavely for the office help. Sandy said that she has ordered the H1N1 vaccine. They are getting calls and are prioritizing. Sandy and Kathy discussed the Regional Transportation meeting they attended.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, discussed motor graders, and John said that after receiving some information on trade-in from Wellers, he has told Foley Tractor that the would just stay with them. The commissioners reviewed the contract with Schwab-Eaton, P.A., for the engineering of the Marion Hart Bridge project.

Commissioner Luthi moved to sign the Agreement between Schwab-Eaton, P.A. Consulting Engineers and Ottawa County for the engineering services to provide construction plans, specifications, construction staking and related work for the construction of Bridge Nos. N.5-14.6 and Q.9-16, and including the realignment of the roadway at Br. No N.5-14.6, also known as the Marion Hart Bridge, Lindsey. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. John said that J.P. Metzler gave him a quote of approximately \$24,000 for 5-year bridge plan project. Commissioner Luthi moved to hire RMA Engineering LLC, for the engineering and plans for the 5 ½ miles of highway on Old 81 (801) from Highway 106 to Highway 18 which is a project on the 5-year bridge plan. John reported on what crews were doing. John said he got a letter from KDHE on the chicken meal dumping at the landfill from emergency management. They are going to let it go this time.

Mike and Rachel Adams, 337 Evergreen Rd, Tescott, stopped in and asked if the commissioners were going to adopt the flood plain map. The commissioners said they had another meeting today at 11:00 a.m., and they have until November 18, 2009, to make a decision. The Adams' said that it was going to cost them \$1,000 to have it surveyed, and their house is 5'-10' above from where the water rises. The commissioners gave them some additional information, and they will go to the Appraiser's office and get some paperwork to send in.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Sedgwick County 51, Johnson County 1, Ottawa County 1, and Saline County 2. Commissioner Luthi moved to go into executive session at 10:13 a.m. for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Those present were the commissioners, and Keith. They returned to regular session at 10:23 a.m. The decision was for Keith to get with the county attorney and Mary to discuss options on coverage for the H1N1 flu season.

Rory Tillett, Emergency Management Coordinator, received a letter in the mail from John Copple, on the chicken meal matter at the landfill, saying the matter is closed. Rory said that he received a letter back on a grant he had applied for, for storm warning sirens for Niles and the State Lake, and it had been denied. It can be applied for next year. Rory talked on getting video surveillance for the courthouse. Rory said that Todd Heitschmidt, Clerk of the District Court, had discussed with him about putting camera's at least on the second floor. Rory said that he thought it should be done on both floors. Rory gave the commissioners a quote and for \$300 that would do the whole courthouse, with 4 camera's. The commissioners approved the purchase. District Court said they would pay for half. Rory got an answer back from Elaine Bowers, 107th State Representative, and the response was the COOP Planning is not mandatory.

Commissioner Luthi moved to sign Resolution 09-15, authorizing adoption and

implementation of the Ottawa County Red Flag Policy.

Commissioner Luthi moved to sign Resolution 09-16, certifying legal authority to apply for the 2010 Kansas Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program from the Kansas Department of Commerce and authorizing the commission chair to sign and submit such an application. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Resolution 09-16 was signed.

Commissioner Luthi moved to sign Resolution 09-17 assuring the Kansas Department of Commerce that funds will be continually provided for the operation and maintenance of improvements to the bridge system to be financed with community development block grant funds. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Resolution 09-17 was signed.

Commissioner Luthi moved to adopt the Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as Amended. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m., the commissioners held an informative meeting on the FEMA flood plan. Those present were Truette McQueen, Appraiser/Zoning Administrator, Virginia Hoover, City of Minneapolis Mayor, David Stanley, Bob Bergman, and Rod George, Bennington State Bank, Tom McGavran, State Bank of Delphos, and Mary Wilson, Minneapolis Messenger. Truette said the question is whether to adopt the regulations from FEMA for the flood maps. Truette discussed if the county does not participate and the bank holds the loan in-house, they may not require flood insurance. If the loan is a federal loan, the individual is required to have flood insurance. If the county does not participate, and there is a flood, the individual would not be eligible for disaster relief. Truette read through an email Julie Growler, FEMA, sent, and everyone received a copy. It was discussed that the county might come up with some assistance in helping people with different issues.

Commissioner Luthi moved to sign Resolution 09-18 to apply for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, talked to the commissioners about purchasing a laser printer and a laptop. He also discussed the licenses for the new Orion system.

With no further business before the board the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.