

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
August 20, 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.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Department Administrator, went over Ottawa County Council on Aging upcoming meeting agenda. She reported on the Kansas Public Transportation meeting she attended. Sara updated the commissioners on current programs going on, and upcoming programs. Sara said that the new grant year has started as of July 1, 2018. Sara went over Public Health Emergency Management and how she keeps track of items. Sara went through an activity log of immunizations they did through the month of July 2018.

Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator, and Matt Dixon, Custodian, visited with the commissioners about asphaltting the north parking lot, including striping. They gave the commissioners an estimate from APAC for \$89,336.80. Shannon reported on what crews were doing. Shannon said that not much has been done on the sewer project at the county shop. The survey was done last Wednesday.

Todd Heitschmidt, Court Administrator, brought in the 2019 Annual Budget for the commissioners to sign on the approved Ottawa County District Court 2019 budget, which the commissioners signed.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 48, and Ottawa County 5.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, reported on chemical sales year-to-date. He visited about a conference he attended. Kenny gave the commissioners a list of chemicals he is needing to send out for quotes. Kenny discussed just sending the quotes out to two companies. The commissioners approved.

Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 10:54 a.m. for ten minutes for attorney/client matters. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 11:04 a.m. No decision was made.

Dave and Cheryle Hardesty, Landfill Operators, and Richard Buck, County Attorney, came in and Dave and Cheryle reported they have gotten pollution insurance for the landfill, effective August 15, 2018. The Contract for Operation of a Construction and Demolition Landfill and the Direct Haul Transfer of Solid Waste was discussed. The commissioners wanted to review budget dollars before going any further with the contract.

Commissioner Luthi moved to go into executive session at 11:26 a.m. for five minutes for attorney/client matters for contract negotiations. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, and Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 11:31 a.m. No decision was made.

The commissioner's recessed at 11:37 a.m.

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The commissioners reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

David and Kyla Johnson, Helen Johnson, Richard Cott, Dean Allison, Shelby Atwell, Evan Atwell, and Brian Kindall, met with the board to discuss the bridge on 170th Road, in Logan Township. Helen started by saying how important all bridges are in the county, not just hers. She thought that the commissioners should think about the future and not just about costs. Helen thought that maintaining accessibility throughout the county as this is a farming community. Richard agreed with Helen. He asked what the intent of the commission is with the bridge. Commissioner Brumbaugh said that they have not made any decisions yet, that they are waiting for the Road & Bridge Administrator is getting estimates on the steel, etc., for costs. The commissioners said that it's not an option to go back to a 6-ton bridge. If it's replaced, it would be replaced with a structure that would accommodate the larger machinery. Dean's concern was the other bridges already closed in Logan Township. Evan stated that it doesn't need to be fantastic, just so water can flow, and then get people on down the road. Brian went through the route he has to go or would have to go through.

Shannon Luthi, Road & Bridge Administrator, stopped in and the commissioners visited with Shannon about individuals riding in county vehicles that are not county employees. Richard Buck, County Attorney, has been in contact with KCAMP, the county's liability insurance carrier, and they have come back and said no one outside of county employees, or township officers, are allowed in county vehicles.

With no other business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 1:50 p.m. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.