

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. Lowell Parrish said prayer. Pastor Ed Routson was an observer.

Abatement's were approved.

The 2012 annual report of Garfield, and Bennington Township was examined and confirmed by the commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners held re-organization.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to nominate Commissioner Kay as Chairman of the Board for 2014, and Commissioner Brumbaugh as Vice-Chairman for 2014. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Luthi moved to re-appoint the following department heads for their respective offices for 2014: Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, John Cople, Highway Administrator, Ken Stelter, Custodian, Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, Jettie Condray, Museum Curator, Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, and Allen Brown, Road Foreman. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to designate the following banks as the County's official depositories: Bennington State Bank, Minneapolis, Bennington State Bank, Bennington, Ottawa County Bank, Minneapolis, State Bank of Delphos, Delphos, and Bank of Tescott, Tescott. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to designate the following as the official county newspaper for 2014: Minneapolis Messenger. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, met with the board, and the commissioners asked Phil his thoughts as to going full-time, from 32 hours a week to 40 hours a week. The commissioners said that he would go to full-time benefits, and the salary would go to \$32,032, from \$25,625.60. Phil agreed. Phil gave the commissioners an update.

Vouchers were approved.

Jason Parks, County Attorney, stopped in and visited with the commissioners on an email he received.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, gave the commissioners the maintenance report and engineering study & report for the bridges in the county. John gave the commissioners pictures of 130th Road and Golden Road, after it had snowed last week. John gave the commissioners an agreement between KDOT and the County to furnish 100 ton or road rock delivered to Ivy, 100<sup>th</sup>, and Justice Road, for detour purposes, while the State has Highway 106 closed for road repair.

Marilyn Heck, Register of Deeds, visited with the commissioners on the mortgage registration fees. According to statute, she has to charge for the fees. There is proposed legislation in the works by the Kansas Bankers Association and the Kansas Realtors Association to eliminate the fee. She reported that if this legislation is adopted, counties would lose substantial revenue from the general fund. Marilyn enclosed a resolution that she would support if the commissioners chose to support retaining the mortgage registration fee. The commissioners will look at the material.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, came in and said that she would like to purchase another 100 posts to finish signage on the county black top and gravel roads. It would be \$5,495, which she has budgeted for, and then an additional \$1,000 for miscellaneous material such as nuts, bolts, etc. The commissioners approved.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Director, gave the commissioners an update on what they have been getting done. Kenny gave the commissioners quotes for a snow plow. Kansas Truck Equipment Company, Boss 6' UTV Poly Straight Blade Plow, \$3,284; Sellers Equipment, \$2,700 electric lift with manual angling, or \$4,200 electric lift with hydraulic angling. If Kenny upgraded his Kubota with a 2013 Kubota RTV 1100 with electric lift and manual angling, \$20,378, with a \$13,000 trade-in of the 2010 Kubota, with a trade difference of \$7,378. Or the hydraulic 2013 Kubota for \$22,348, and trade-in \$13,000 for a trade-in of \$9,348, and Beaver Valley Supply Company, Meyer Home Plow, \$3,551. The commissioners said they would think about for sure how they want to handle the snow removal process for sure, that brought the quotes up in the first place.

The commissioners signed the new 2014 pay scales, and Resolution 14-02, elected official's salaries for 2014.

Prisoner count was reported of Saline County 4, Cloud County 1, and Shawnee County 1.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, discussed Influenza A going around, and the health department still has vaccine available which she will advertise. She discussed getting rid of old vehicles, 2002 Chevy Venture Passenger Van, and a 1996 Bus, 15 passenger. How does she go about selling the items. Commissioner Luthi gave Sara a document on guidelines, which was gone over. Sara said that they still have the Ottawa County Health Center's bus, which they just don't have the need to use. She is working with the Health Center on usage and where they go from here. Sara discussed the Aging Department and the role in funding the Senior Centers. Jason Parks, County Attorney, joined the group. The group discussed Hospice. Sara discussed County Board of Health, and when to hold the meeting. Sara will check the statute and find out some more details. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to go into executive session at 11:43 a.m. for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. Those present were the commissioners, Sara, and Jason. They returned to regular session at 11:53 a.m. No decision was made.

The minutes of January 13, 2014, were read and approved.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
January 13, 2014

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