

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
February 3, 2020

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

Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk, gave the commissioners the resolutions from Saline County that pertain to their policies on Unauthorized Vehicles on County Roads. She also informed them of Senate Bill 294, pertaining to taxation. Mary gave the commissioners added's and abatements to review, which all were approved. Mary gave the commissioners the Annual Township Reports for Bennington, Fountain, Garfield, and Stanton Townships which were examined and confirmed by the board.

Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 8:26 a.m. for ten minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Nevin Roberts, Road & Bridge employee. They returned to regular session at 8:37 a.m. The commissioners referred Nevin to his direct supervisor.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Greg gave the commissioners a draft copy of a Resolution Prohibiting the Use of Minimum Maintenance Roads for Unauthorized Use. Greg said that if the resolution is passed, then the road will need to be marked. The commissioners discussed 135th Road with Greg. Greg said that as far as he knew the township had not built the road up. The commissioners went through some material bills of rock that the township had put on. Greg will come up with a plan for grading 135th Road, then discuss the responsibility of the township and the homeowners after that.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, and Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, visited with the commissioners on the draft Resolution Prohibiting the Use of Minimum Maintenance Roads for Unauthorized Use. Keith asked if the roads are going to be marked? Greg said that just the roads that the county is having trouble with. Greg will get with the county attorney to get a new copy of the Resolution. Keith said it looked fine to him. Keith gave prisoner count of Saline County 45, and Ottawa County 6. Keith reported on the jail remodeling project.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, stopped in and asked the commissioners what they thought about her request on the computer upgrades she presented a couple of weeks ago. Sara said that she was fine going with the lower quote, Eagle Technology Solutions for \$12,762.78. Therefore, the commissioners approved.

Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m., until 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

At 1:00 p.m., the commissioners reconvened for the Annual Solid Waste Meeting. Those present were Commissioner Brumbaugh; Commissioner Kay; Commissioner Wolf; Dave Hardesty, Landfill Operator; Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator; Judith Swagerty, Chairman of the Solid Waste Committee; Sandra Long, Chairman Bennington

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Recycling Committee; Laura Bowers, Bennington; and Dave Sweat, Minneapolis City Council. Chairman Swagerty called the meeting to order. The minutes from February 4, 2019 were reviewed. Commissioner Kay moved to accept the minutes of February 4, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Swagerty went over the financial reports for the solid waste fund. Commissioner Brumbaugh stated that revenue coming in has not been enough to cover expenditures. The account isn't short, but just that revenue hasn't been covering expenses. Last year a large amount was reimbursed from the Solid Waste fund to the Road & Bridge fund for the work on the new cell. Commissioner Brumbaugh went over the free clean-up days from last year and the tonnage that is collected. Chairman Swagerty reported on research she has done for recycling glass. Commissioner Wolf moved to accept the financial report. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Brumbaugh went over the new proposed solid waste fees that would go on the tax statements. The group discussed the rates for tires, and it was decided to raise the rate for tires on rims. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to accept the proposed increases for the Ottawa County Construction Demolition Landfill/Solid Waste Collection Site Rate Schedule. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried. Dave said that tonnage is up a little from last year for tonnage hauled to Saline, but still within the average. He said the new pit is being used, and everything is going fine. Spring clean-up was set for the week of May 4, 2020-May 9, 2020, which includes tires. The Fall clean-up was set for October 5, 2020-October 10, 2020. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to nominate Judith Swagerty as Chairman of the Solid Waste Committee, and Vice-Chairman Jim Bradshaw. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to accept the current Solid Waste Plan for 2020. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried. Judith asked for Greg to double check to see if they got the email for Bennington's reimbursement for recycling. Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 1:38 p.m. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

At 2:00 p.m., the commissioners held a work session for the Ottawa County Courthouse renovations. Those present were the commissioners and Dale Montgomery, Glassman Corporation. Commissioner Brumbaugh read K.S.A. 19-214 from the Commissioners Desk Book, in regard to County Buildings and Bridges. The commissioners worked on their wants and needs for the Courthouse. Commissioner Kay stated they might need to hire an outside consultant. Richard Buck, County Attorney joined the group. Richard asked if the commissioners have thought about reaching out to Kansas State University or Kansas University Architectural Engineering Program and see if there is a graduate student that might be interested in consultant work. Richard said that he has a couple of contacts at Kansas State University that he could reach out to. The commissioners approved for him to do so. Richard will come back and update the commissioners on March 2, 2020.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn at 2:35 p.m. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.