

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

Commissioner Luthi opened the meeting with the flag salute and prayer.

The official minutes of June 25, and June 27, 2012, were approved and signed.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, visited with the board and gave them a new resolution for the burn ban. Ottawa County is still in the very high fire index range. Truette McQueen, Zoning Administrator, joined the group. Marie said that the burn ban has nothing to do with the firework issue. Marie said that if the County banned fireworks, the incorporated cities would have to do their own regulations. Truette said that he would like to see the firework stand owners be allowed to sale, if there was a ban on fireworks put on, as in Ottawa County you can shoot off fireworks 365 days a week. Commissioner McGavran moved to continue the burn ban another seven days. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner McGavran moved to put a ban on discharging fireworks in the unincorporated areas for up to seven days. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Resolution 12-20, was signed declaring a state of local disaster emergency for Ottawa County, Kansas, beginning July 2, 2012, not to exceed seven days. Resolution 12-21, was signed prohibiting the discharge of fireworks within the unincorporated boundaries of Ottawa County, Kansas.

The commissioners signed the renewal contract for brokerage services with Randy Dick, Kaw Valley Insurance, Inc.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, brought in proposals for 2012 excavator. Chadd Blackwood, Murphy Tractor & Equipment, and Jeff Bender, Foley Equipment, joined the group. Murphy Tractor & Equipment, \$394,000 with trade-in; and Foley Equipment, \$388,000 with trade-in. No decision was made. John reported on what crews were doing.

Sandy Cline, Health/Aging Director, brought in the signed contracts for the medical director for the commissioners file. Sandy has another contract for oxygen services she

needs to take to the county attorney to look at. Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session for seventeen minutes at 9:33 a.m. for non-elected personnel. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Those present were the commissioners and Sandy. They returned to regular session at 9:50 a.m. The commissioners will take Sandy's recommendation to terminate an employee.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Sedgwick County 25, Ottawa County 1, Cloud County 1, and Saline County 7. The commissioners gave Keith a copy of the resolution prohibiting fireworks discharge in the unincorporated boundaries.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.