

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kay.

Commissioner Kay lead the group in the flag salute and a prayer.

The official minutes of February 14, 2011, were approved and signed.

At 8:30 a.m., the commissioners held a hearing to possibly declare a road to controlled access. The road being described as follows: #1 Kiowa Road located between sections 2-11-2W and 11-11-2W in Richland Township, Ottawa County, Kansas. (Said road is a 40' ROW). #2 230th Road located between sections 11-11-2W and 12-11-2W in Richland Township, Ottawa County, Kansas. (Said ROW is a 40' ROW between N ½ of sections and a 60' ROW between S ½ of sections). #3 Justice Road located between sections 12-11-2W and 13-11-2W in Richland Township, Ottawa County, Kansas. (Said road is a Township road and is a 60' ROW). Those present were Loran Luthi, Dustin Meiller, Ted Schur, and Kenny Wilcox, Road Foreman. Dustin said that by making it to controlled access, it will stop people that don't need to be on it from mudding it up where you can't get a trailer there to get cattle out. Kenny said that it wouldn't be a problem to maintain it a couple times of year. As far as mowing, Kenny said that was up to the commissioners. Loran said he would like clarification that if a bridge washes out, who is responsible for that. Commissioner Luthi read from the policy that it would be county responsibility. Loran said he is concerned about increased vandalism when someone went down the road and didn't realize it was gated and had to stop and find a place to turn around. After discussion it was decided to add another ½ mile on 240th Road. The original petition is denied, and the process will start over with the extra ½ mile. Dustin said that he will be able to make the gates and put them up.

Kenny Wilcox, Road Foreman, reported on what crews were doing.

Randy Gruber, and Lyle Tinkler, Bennington Fire Department #4, came in and talked to the commissioners about the new fire station. Randy reported that they accepted the bid from Harbin Construction, for \$887,750, less sales tax that was included. The projected start date is March 14, 2011, with completion 210 days after.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Sedgwick County 33, Saline County 2,

and Ottawa County 2. Keith reported on employees that are attending training this week. Keith said that a deputy will be leaving in the near future, so he has put an ad in the paper. Keith said that he got a telephone call from KDOC, and they are over-populated and will be coming to inspect the jail soon, so we can hold their prisoners. Keith discussed the repairs to the parking lot he is looking at. Commissioner Luthi moved to accept the estimate from All About Construction Inc., for the three projects totaling \$4,677. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried.

Sandy Cline, Health/Aging Department, gave the commissioners a copy of the memorandum of understanding between the county and OCCK for the transportation. After discussion, it was decided to wait and sign the agreement until Sandy was satisfied with arrangements.

Brent Johnson, stopped in and talked to the commissioners about Frontier Road, and the speed limit. Brent has talked to the sheriff's office, and the speed limit is 55 miles per hour. Brent wants the speed limit slowed up. He also asked if he could make a sign saying Feedlot Entrance or something like that. The commissioners said as long as it's on his property and off county right-of-way.

With no further business before the board the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.