

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
February 4, 2019

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

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session with Second District Commissioner James P. Kay, Third District Commissioner Karen S. Brumbaugh, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

Commissioner Kay opened the meeting in prayer then led the group in the flag salute.

The Annual Township report of Richland, Fountain, Henry, Lincoln, Blaine and Sheridan Township were examined and confirmed by the commissioners.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to pass Resolution 19-02, Concerning Judicial Foreclosure and Sale of Real Estate Tax Liens. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 2-0.

Mary Arganbright, County Clerk, reported to the commissioners that she is starting interviews this week for the vacant Deputy County Clerk position. She has received some very good applications.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to donate \$250 to Bennington After Prom from the Drug & Alcohol Fund. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 2-0.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, discussed coming up with resolutions about the clutter of vehicles on rural properties. Phil will check with some counties to see what they have. Phil reported on other items he is working on.

Greg Dockins, Interim-Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Greg reported on employee matters. Greg said that most of the employees at Road & Bridge are going to a dig safe meeting in Salina this week. The meeting is free.

Kevin Urban, Saline County Environmental Services, went over 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2018 statistics with the commissioners, and the year-end report.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to approve change order 1 and change order 2 from Loyd Builders for the jail remodeling project. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 2-0.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 37, and Ottawa County 7. Keith discussed the change orders on the jail remodeling project. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to retract her motion on the approval of change order 1 and change order 2 from Loyd Builders. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 2-0. After discussion, a call was placed to Erik Jorgensen, Archetype Design Group, to discuss the amounts being charged for removal and replacement of unsuitable soil. Keith informed Erik that he didn't think that the county should be responsible for 30 days, just the several days it took to do the work. Erik asked for Keith to send him the information in an email, and he will get with the contractor. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to go into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the employee for five minutes at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 2-0. Those present were the commissioners, and Keith Coleman, Sheriff. They returned to regular session at 10:39 a.m. No decision was made.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, gave the commissioners a department update. Kenny said that he isn't finding any used trucks to purchase. Kenny said that he had Minneapolis Garage Door come give him a quote for removal of existing walk doors, and installing a steel insulated door in its place, for \$1,050. Kenny said that he had it in his budget. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to approve the new chemical room garage door at the Noxious Weed Department, for \$1,050. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 2-0. Kenny discussed a new sign machine cutter with the commissioners. He has been in contact with Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, who is in favor of it, and has the funds in her budget. He has a quote from Tapco, for \$6,903.63. Kenny has calculated it out that it would take them 2 years to pay for the sign cutter. The commissioners wanted to wait for Commissioner Wolf to be back before they make a decision.

Todd Wilson, Wilson Family Funeral Home, visited with the commissioners on unclaimed bodies. Mary Arganbright, County Clerk, will reach out to other counties for a resolution sample.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to adjourn until 1:00 p.m., in which they will return for the Annual Solid Waste meeting. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 2-0.

At 1:00 p.m., the commissioner reconvened for the Annual Solid Waste Meeting. Those present were Commissioner Kay, Commissioner Brumbaugh, Judith Swagerty, Chairman, Karen Kiser, Dave Hardesty, Landfill Operator, Karen McClain, Joan Ratzlaff, Salina, and Greg Dockins, Interim-Road & Bridge Administrator. Chairman Swagerty called the meeting to order. The minutes from February 5, 2018, were reviewed. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to approve the minutes of the Solid Waste Committee from February 5, 2018. Karen McClain seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Kay went over the financial statements for the solid waste fund. Commissioner Kay went over the new proposed solid waste fees that would go on the tax statements. Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to accept the proposed solid waste fees as presented by Commissioner Kay. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Brumbaugh added additional financial information. Judith will visit with the City of Tescott to turn in their recycling fees to the county to be reimbursed. Dave gave the contractor report, which was 5.4 tons less than what was hauled in 2017. Dave said that everything else was pretty much the same. Spring clean-up was set for the week of May 6, 2019 - May 11, 2019, which includes tires. Fall clean-up was set for October 7, 2019 – October 12, 2019. Commissioner Kay moved to keep the officers the same, Judith Swagerty, Chairman, and James Bradshaw as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried. Karen McClain reported that recycling is running smoothly in Bennington. Judith gave the group information for 2020 Solid Waste Grant Information. The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

With no other business before the board, Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to adjourn at 1:45 p.m. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 2-0.