

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 commissioners read and approved minutes of August 16, 2012.

At 8:15 a.m., the commissioners held the proposed 2013 budget hearing for the six fire districts in Ottawa County. With no one present, Commissioner McGavran moved to accept the proposed budgets. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. At 8:30 a.m., the commissioners held the proposed 2013 county budget hearing. Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, was present. Commissioner McGavran moved to accept the proposed 2013 county budget. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. John reported that Tom Ehlers, bus coordinator at Tescott USD #240, talked to John about some bridges that they can't cross over. John discussed how he thought repairs could be made, however we would need an engineer to look at them and make recommendations. John reported that Road Foreman Kenny Wilcox last day before retirement is December 28, 2012.

Truette McQueen, Zoning Administrator, met with the board and at 9:30 a.m., the commissioners held a cellular telephone tower hearing, located at 1232 North 135th Rd, Minneapolis, Part of the N ½ SE ¼ of Section 32, Township 10S, Range 3W, Blaine Township. Commissioner Kay moved to pass Resolution 12-27, approving special use to establish a communications facility/cell tower in the A-1 agriculture district on certain lands located in Ottawa County, Kansas. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried.

Prisoner count is Sedgwick County 22, Ottawa County 2, Saline County 13, and City of Minneapolis 1.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported that the fire index is at very high, and going to extreme high in the next few days. Commissioner Kay moved to put the burn ban on not to exceed seven days. Commissioner McGavran seconded. Motion carried. The commissioners signed Resolution 12-28. Marie did a survey from surrounding counties on how they handle repeaters, and where the expenses are taken from. She gave them a document.

Lou Anne Snavely, Health Department, reported that things are going fine. Lou Anne reported on positions available, and their needs. The commissioners signed the agreement between the Ottawa County Health Department and The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, for preparedness, and the Memorandum of Agreement between Early Head Start and Ottawa County Health Department

Kenneth and Reta Fae Kelly, Ada, stopped in and visited with the commissioners on the cellular telephone tower at Ada. Kenneth said that they had talked to a lawyer, and there are discrepancies in several items, one being the legal description. The Kelly's said that according to their lawyer, everything needs to be redone. They are not in objection to the tower or the property it's on, but just the location of the tower. The Kelly's have talked to Wendy Florian, XCELL Towers, and they went over a different location that might be more suitable. Truette McQueen, Zoning Administrator, joined the group. The Kelly's informed Truette on what they had just told the commissioners on the discrepancies. Truette said he will need to check with the zoning consultant, and other parties, before he would know what the county can do.

Brian Kindall, Fair Board, gave the commissioners a summary from the 2012 fair. Brian discussed the agricultural building needed some work. He said that he could work on some options this winter if the commissioners wanted. The commissioners said to pursue options. The commissioners asked about a landfill ticket of stuff that was taken to landfill. Brian will just pay for it out of fair fund. He said that he had another pile of old lumber from the south arena to take out. The commissioners will discuss with the road and bridge department possibility of helping load and haul the debris at a later date.

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
August 20, 2012

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

The minutes of August 20, 2012, were read and approved.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.