

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
January 12, 2015

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

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

Pastor Kennedy opened the meeting in prayer, and the flag salute was said.

Commissioner Kathy M Luthi was sworn in as Ottawa County Commissioner for the 1st Commissioner District for the four-year term, expiring January 2019.

Abatement's were approved.

Vouchers were approved.

The 2014 Annual Report of Garfield Township was examined and confirmed by the commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners held re-organization.

Commissioner Kay moved to nominate Commissioner Brumbaugh as Chairman of the Board for 2015. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Kay moved to nominate Commissioner Luthi as Vice-Chairman for 2015. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Luthi moved to re-appoint the following department heads for their respective offices for 2015: Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, John Copple, Highway Administrator, Ken Stelter, Custodian, Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, Jettie Condray, Museum Curator, and Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kay moved to designate the following banks as the County's official depositories: Bennington State Bank, Minneapolis, Bennington State Bank, Bennington, Ottawa County Bank, Minneapolis, State Bank of Delphos, Delphos, and Bank of Tescott, Tescott. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to designate the following as the official county newspaper for 2015: Minneapolis Messenger. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kay moved to appoint Jim Corman as Garfield Township Clerk. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Luthi moved to appoint Greg Berndt as Stanton Township Clerk. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Luthi moved to appoint Ben Perry as Durham Township Clerk. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Kay moved to give \$250 to Bennington High School After Prom 2015 from the Drug & Alcohol fund. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

Gene Wilson, The Phone Connection communications consultant, visited with the commissioner on the county's AT&T billing, and plexar renewal. He explained the increase in the monthly billing from AT&T. He also visited with the commissioner on the county's long distance service. The commissioners tabled the decision until they do some department research.

Allen Brown, Road Foreman, gave the board a map where the transmission line is going through. He reported on what crews were doing. Commissioner Kay moved to sign the agreement with Westar Energy for field entrances on the transmission line project #16. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. Allen asked permission to purchase two chain saws and two LeachRod blade jacks. The commissioners approved. Jason Rourke, RMA Engineering, joined the group. Jason discussed permitting processes that other counties do. Commissioner Brumbaugh will check with Road and Bridge and see where they are in regards to the permitting process they were working on.

Commissioner Kay moved to sign the agreement between Ottawa County and the Department of Transportation for the Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program, Project No. 72 C-4766-01. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.

Truette McQueen, County Appraiser, visited with the board about a replacement county vehicle that his department has. He has available funds of approximately \$14,500 and the insurance check for the hail damage for a different vehicle. He will get bid letters sent out. He discussed the review of the comprehensive plan with the board. A meeting will be scheduled for a commissioner, Economic Development Director and his self to go to Wichita to meet with the zoning consultant.

Chad Leisey, stopped in and invited the commissioners to his open house on his building on Concord Street January 30, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 28, and Ottawa County 4. He reported on

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employee matters.

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Commissioner Luthi moved to go into executive session for non-elected personnel at 10:11 a.m. for twenty minutes. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Those present were the commissioners and Jason Parks, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 10:31 a.m. No decision was made.

Jim McClain, Judy Swagerty, Dick Belden, and John Ihnken, Bennington Senior Center, reported back to the commissioners about the hail damage at the center. They will start getting estimates and bring them back to the board for review before selecting a contractor.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, reported that March 3, 2015, there would be a siren test, and March 11, 2015, would be a storm spotter meeting. She informed the board that she had submitted the quarterly report on FEMA. She then gave them an update on how much each township has done so far.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.