

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
November 2, 2015

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

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

Commissioner Brumbaugh opened the meeting in prayer and led the group in the flag salute.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, visited with the board about the tax abatement policy that he brought up to the commissioners several years ago. He would like to email them the information again, and revisit the issue. Phil said that the restrooms are finished at Rock City. Phil said that Rock City had a good year of visitors, approximately 13,000, that toured Rock City. He discussed Ivy Road that goes to Rock City, and the condition of the road. He asked the procedure on getting the road fixed up. The commissioners said that he should start with the Center Township board.

The commissioners signed the 2016 Holiday Schedule.

John Copple, Highway Administrator, met with the board to discuss the motor grader proposals presented last week. Those present were Jeff Bender, Foley Equipment, and Scott Hartman, Victor L. Phillips Co. John said that after reviewing the proposals, Murphy Tractor & Equipment didn't meet the specifications sent out. Commissioner Kay moved to accept the proposal from Foley Equipment for two 2016 Caterpillar 140M3 Motor graders for \$211,000. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. The group discussed the wheel loader proposals. Scott gave the commissioners an overview of what their loaders can do. John said that he would recommend the wheel loader from Foley Equipment, because Victor L. Phillips did not meet the specifications, and Murphy Tractor & Equipment, without exercising the buyback, would be higher than Foley Equipment. Commissioner Kay moved to accept the proposal from Foley Equipment for a 2016 930M wheel loader, for \$184,500. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. The commissioners signed the agreements for the two motor graders, and the wheel loader. John reported on what crews were doing. John gave the commissioners a letter from RMA Engineering on the Niles Bridge project. Commissioner Luthi moved to approve the contractor's payment for L & M Contractor via RMA Engineering, for the Niles Bridge Rehab., of \$126,233.10. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Brumbaugh signed the payment request. John and the commissioners discussed the hay being piled on county right-of-way. It was decided to meet next week with the county attorney and discuss the liability issue and other concerns. John reported on a solid waste meeting he attended, and he thought that KDHE was going to start cracking down on items being dumped at the county landfill that aren't supposed to be there. It was decided to go to the landfill next Monday.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, reported to the board the correct amount for chemical sold to landowners this year is \$27,476.04. The amount spent on chemical that has been used this year is \$33,145.96. Kenny said that he has sent out 4 warning letters to landowners for control and eradication of musk thistles,

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back in June. He has sent out another letter in October, to those same 4, for non-compliance. He has notified the county attorney. Kenny went over current year budget information with the board.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 33, and Ottawa County 8. Keith said that Twin Valley Telephone and Voice Products met with last week, and for Next Generation 911, Twin Valley Telephone is going to be \$823 a month, and to purchase the recorder and phone system from Voice Products, it's going to be approximately \$37,500. He thought that he was going to get a better price than that.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried.