

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
February 24, 2020

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

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

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

Gary Allen Smith, Candidate for County Commissioner District 2 was an observer.

Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk, gave the commissioners vouchers to review and approve, and abatements to approve. She reported that she is almost finished meeting with employees that hold Commercial Driver's Licenses in setting them up their driver records in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Clearinghouse, in order to complete the new regulation. She said that she is still working with KCAMP, on the Title VI new requirement. She discussed the basement storage room and asking for cleaning equipment be left in the women's restroom on the main floor to be used as needed. Commissioner Brumbaugh said she would take care of it. Mary gave the board two job descriptions to sign.

The commissioners met with citizens that live on 135th Road. Those present were Sharon Flegler, Concord Township Treasurer; Chuck Weis, Concord Township Trustee; and Rick Weis, Concord Township Clerk; Rob Boss, 469 N 260th Rd, Solomon, Ks.; Lou Weis, 1549 Ivy Rd., Minneapolis, Ks.; Anita Laws, 1332 Laramie Rd., Minneapolis, Ks.; Sheldon Daugherty, 1135 N 135th Rd., Minneapolis, Ks.; Scott Ausherman, 1330 Laramie Rd., Minneapolis, Ks.; Garry Stover, 1127 N 135th Rd., Minneapolis, Ks.; Tabitha Wilson, 201 Spruce Ave., Minneapolis, Ks.; Wilbur Noon, 1340 Laramie Rd., Minneapolis, Ks.; Richard Buck, County Attorney; Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator; Chris Smith, Road & Bridge Assistant Administrator; Clyde Thrush II, 1585 Ivy Rd., Minneapolis, Ks.; Jim Struble, 1724 Ivy Rd., Minneapolis, Ks.; and Rodger Peck, 1141 N 135th Rd., Minneapolis, Ks. Commissioner Brumbaugh said that the county is willing to let the plans go this year on the Wells Road, in order to do the work on 135th Road. Greg said that the road will need to be surveyed first and points located. Greg gave out the county Road Policies and Concord Township Policies. The county would need to do their work first, then the Township Policy comes next. Commissioner Brumbaugh asked when the work can be started, and Greg said as soon as it's dry, and he wanted the group to know that it all couldn't be done at once. Greg went through the process. Chuck said that the Township's are not getting the quality of rock that the County is getting. Scott said that when the county went to flat grading that is when the problems started. Several stated that Concord Township can not afford to do just 135th Road. Citizens stated their concerns on other areas. Lou suggested putting a committee together to go around and see how other counties address roads. Sheldon said that the traffic on both 135th Road and Laramie Road has escalated as GPS sends everyone to those roads to come into town. He said that at some point the City of Minneapolis will need to get involved. Sheldon asked what the county is going to do about G L Huyett's trucks going down the roads? He said that G L Huyett wanted the asphalt coming off of Tenth Street and their trucks are doing south on 135th Road. Several said that the grain trucks and wheat trucks travel those roads. Sheldon said that they recognize that the responsibilities don't totally fall on Concord Township, that the county needs to understand that the dynamics of the road has changed and the county needs to step up their responsibility of the road, and G L Huyett needs to be responsible also. Several discussed the issue that the developer didn't have the road brought up to the policies to begin with. Commissioner Brumbaugh said that she was going to get with Saline County, G L Huyett, and research Laramie Road. Commissioner Kay said that they need to go back to a prior meeting and let Greg get his plan made. The commissioners said that they understand that something needs to be done.

Greg Dockins, Road & Bridge Administrator, reported on what crews were doing. Greg gave the commissioners a Highway Right-of-Way/Cross-Road/Utility Use Permit for Evergy to rebuild overhead electric facilities along S Washington St/88th Road from 1st Street in the City of Delphos to ¼ mile south of Victory Road. Commissioner Kay moved to approve Permit 52 Highway Right-of-Way/Cross-Road/Utility Use Permit for Evergy to rebuild overhead electric facilities along S Washington St/88th Road from 1st Street in the City of Delphos to ¼ mile south of Victory Road. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Greg discussed employees with the board.

Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, reported that they have been putting tin up on the inside of the old shop. He reported on getting the trucks ready to go for spraying season. He visited on other things they have been doing. Kenny gave the board a quote he sent out to chemical companies for chemical purchases. Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 9:52 a.m. for five minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners, Kenny Baccus, Noxious Weed Administrator, and Mary Arganbright, Ottawa County Clerk. They returned to regular session at 9:57 a.m. No decision was made.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 46, and Ottawa County 6. Keith said that the dryers are in. Keith said that the Fire Marshall's office is coming this week for an inspection.

Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session at 10:19 a.m. for thirty minutes for attorney/client matters. Commissioner Wolf seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Richard Buck, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 10:49 a.m. No decision was made.

Commissioner Kay gave the other two commissioners a booklet from NACO that he asked them to look at.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.