

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
July 21, 2014

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.

Commissioner Kay opened the meeting in the flag salute, and said prayer.

Jason Parks, County Attorney, brought in a quit claim deed between the county and Richard L Pieschl, for the property in Concord Township. Deed on file in Ottawa County Clerk's office. Commissioner Luthi moved to sign the Quit Claim Deed Disclaimer of Interest In Highway Right-Of-Way. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried.

Randy Dick, Kaw Valley Insurance, gave the board a mid-year update on the county's health insurance. Randy also updated the board on where healthcare reform act is at.

An abatement and an added were approved.

Leigh Ann Montoy, Shawn Esterl, Saline County Health Department, and John Price, Saline County Commissioner, went over the second quarter environmental health report. Leigh Ann gave the board an agreement between Tri-Rivers Local Environmental Grant Cooperative Agreement and Ottawa County for the next two years. Ottawa County commissioners said that they wanted to make sure they were diligent with county tax dollars and still get the services that is being paid for. Ottawa County commissioners indicated that they have felt they haven't always gotten the services for what they have paid for. Commissioner Price asked for the specifics. Commissioner Kay said that they have reports for sewers and lagoons that some haven't been followed up on for a year. Commissioner Kay said that they haven't been through all the paperwork yet. The group felt everyone should just move forward. The commissioners said that they would have the county attorney review the agreement.

Prisoner count was reported at Saline County 29, and Ottawa County 3.

John Price, Saline County Commissioner was an observer.

John Cople, Highway Administrator, and Allen Brown, Road Foreman, reported on what crews were doing. John gave the board a contract between IdeaTek Systems, Inc., and Ottawa County for installing fiber optic cable south of Bennington. Commissioner Luthi moved to sign the document. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried. John gave the board a copy of a quarterly review document that he is going to implement with the motor graders for viewing roads in their territory. John said that he has been thinking about meeting monthly with the grader operators. The commissioners thought that was a good idea. Commissioner

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Price said that he wanted to commend Ottawa County on the roads as he drives them, and thought Ottawa County Road and Bridge does a very nice job. John and Allen reported on employee matters.

Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Administrator, reported on the health fair, and other activities they did during the fair. Sara brought up a time study for where hours are spent in her office for the quarter. Sara gave the board information on Silver Haired Legislature, and she is still researching. Sara discussed their billing system.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to go into executive session at 10:15 a.m. for ten minutes for attorney/client matters. Commissioner Luthi seconded. Motion carried. Those present were the commissioners and Jason Parks, County Attorney. They returned to regular session at 10:25 a.m. No decision was made.

Pat Baccus, County Treasurer, and Terry Farrington, Scheibeler's, discussed a tax parcel that was being sold that had a Homestead exemption applied. Terry explained what he has already paid and the way the transaction has went so far. Overall, there is an outstanding amount due of approximately \$532 due. Pat will check to see how others have handled this situation.

John Denney, Lindburg Pierce Faris & Co., Chtd, was present and worked with the commissioners on the 2015 budget.

The minutes of July 21, 2014, were read and approved.

With no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.