

Minutes of Proceeding
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners
July 11, 2016

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 Kathy M. Luthi, Commissioner James P. Kay, and County Clerk Mary Arganbright.

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

Vouchers were approved.

Marie Ballou, Emergency Management Coordinator, brought in the Emergency Management Performance Grant application for 2016 for the commissioners to approve and sign. The commissioners signed the grant.

John Cople, Highway Administrator, and Jason Rourke, RMA Engineering, met with the board and Jason gave the commissioners an estimate on the Tescott Bridge. He said that it covers approximately 26 miles of drainage area, which means permits will have to be obtained. A low water crossing will not work. John does not want to go with boxes either, he would prefer a 50' span steel bridge. The cost would be approximately \$100,000. Jason discussed options at the landfill in regards to water in a cell. John reported on what crews were doing. John said that his secretary's computer went out, so they have a new one ordered. John said that he will be interviewing another potential employee. Arnold Baker, Road and Bridge employee, joined the group. Arnold said that he was going to be putting in for some vacation time, and John told him that he wasn't going to be approving it. John explained that two others from the shop already had put their request in for vacation that week, so because Arnold was the last one, John denied it. The commissioners pointed out Section 26, #3, in the employee handbook, which states the department head will determine final approval or rejection of leave. Jason Parks, County Attorney, joined the group. The group discussed schooling for new employees needing Commercial Driver's License for the job. Keith Coleman, Sheriff, joined the group. They discussed the possibility of passing a resolution for mud roads. It was decided to just use the state statute on destruction of property. Jason asked if the commissioners wanted to send out a letter to everyone in the county that has items in the county right-of-way. It was decided that letters would be sent as they are reported or seen. Jason addressed the broken bridge west of Delphos.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner county of Saline County 39, and Ottawa County 10. Jason Parks, County Attorney, joined the group. The group discussed end of employment procedures. It was decided a policy needs to be rewritten.

Commissioner Kay moved to approve the disaster relief applications for Thomas J. and Patricia A. Prochazka, and Harvey E. Disque. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

John Cople, Highway Administrator, came in and the commissioners worked on updating the Road and Bridge

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Administrator job description with him.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to adjourn at 1:10 p.m.
Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.