

Minutes of Proceeding  
Ottawa County Board of Commissioners  
October 17, 2016

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

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

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

Ken Stelter, Custodian, visited with the commissioners about his upcoming retirement.

Commissioner Kay moved to go into executive session for ten minutes at 8:30 a.m. for matters relating to action affecting a person as a student, patient or resident of a public institution, to protect the privacy of the person. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0. Those present were the commissioners and Sara Hodges, Health/Aging Department. They returned to regular session at 8:40 a.m. No decision was made. Sara updated the commissioners on what programs her office is doing or will be doing.

Gil Thrower, stopped in and had a complaint about Frontier Road, between K-106 Highway and 150<sup>th</sup> Road. It needs to be repaired. He would like a response on what the county will do. The commissioners will talk to road and bridge.

John Cople, Highway Administrator, and Shannon Luthi, Highway Administrator in training, reported on what crews were doing. Shannon reported on how CDL testing is going for himself, and a couple of other employees. The commissioners discussed the road that Gil Thrower was in about, and John said that it was a township road, and that the township board will not put any material on it. The county does blade it though. Shannon will go look at it and call Gil. The group discussed the options on the motor graders that they received proposals for. Commissioner Kay moved to accept the proposal from Foley Equipment for two (2) 2016 140M3 with the new options, for \$546,000, with two (2) 2012 140M2 trade-ins of \$290,000, for a total of \$256,000. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Janet Heiger, Blue Cross Blue Shield, gave the board the renewal dental rates for 2017. The rates went down about a ½ percent. She showed the commissioners another option. The commissioners said they would look at the option.

Keith Coleman, Sheriff, gave prisoner count of Saline County 36, Sedgwick County 3, and Ottawa County 7. Keith reported on the security system upgrade.

At 10:30 a.m., the commissioners held a hearing for the attachment of land to Ottawa County Rural Water District #2, located in the East half of Section 12, Township 13 South, Range 3 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian in Saline County, Kansas. Those present were Mike Hine, Chairman Rural Water District #2. With

verification from the county clerk that notices were mailed to owners of property in the area, and that no filings for objections have been received, and that Rural Water District #2 was in agreement, which Mr. Hine said they were. Commissioner Kay moved to accept the Petition for Attachment of Lands to Rural Water District No. 2, Ottawa County, Kansas. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, went over the tax abatement resolution that he had drafted for the commissioners to review. The commissioners will continue to review the resolution and get back with Phil.

Commissioner Brumbaugh moved to sign the proposed Blue Cross Blue Shield dental package rates for 2017. Commissioner Kay seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Kevin Urban, Saline County Planning & Zoning, gave the commissioners second and third quarter updates, and gave the board work logs.

Steve Hoesli, Phillip Kirchoff, Delphos Cooperative Association, Kayla Paige, City of Delphos Mayor, and Phil Aumick, Economic Development Director, visited with the commissioners on the proposed Resolution for next week's IRB hearing for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction and equipping of a commercial facility to be located in the county. Phillip went over Section 9. Property Tax Exemption and Payment in Lieu of Taxes with the commissioners. They would really like 100% tax abatement for 10 years for the project. Steve said that it is important to their company to sustain what they have, and to not become a seasonal warehouse. Kayla said that the city council has discussed it and they feel very strongly on the sustainability for what Delphos already has and to keep what they have, and they encourage the project. Commissioner Kay said that although the tax base might not be gained now, it would in the future. Commissioner Brumbaugh stated that she is thinking about the county as a whole, and the unfunded mandates the State hands down, and that the county isn't getting the tax dollars they once were. She would like to see a percent basis for the ten years. Commissioner Luthi stated that 10 years is a long time, and no one can predict what lays ahead. She is open to a percent blend, but would like a chance of looking through the cost analysis they just received this morning.

The commissioners and clerk had a work session, discussing the new overtime law effective December 1, 2016.

Truette McQueen, Appraiser, stopped in and the commissioners discussed assessment of property with him.

With no further business before the board, Commissioner Kay moved to adjourn at 3:30 p.m. Commissioner Brumbaugh seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.